

Soldier seriously wounded in Netzarim drive-by shooting

IDF vacates post after confrontation with 2,000 demonstrators

AN IDF soldier was seriously wounded last night when a speeding car with Gaza license plates opened fire on the army post at Netzarim junction.

The soldier was evacuated by helicopter to Soroka Hospital in BeerSheva. Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

The shooting, which occurred at about 9 p.m., took place at the same post where soldiers were forced to temporarily vacate earlier in the day when they were confronted by 2,000 demonstrators. A Palestinian flag was hung and

anti-Israel slogans painted on the post after the soldiers retreated.

It is also the same post where three reserve officers were killed last Friday when an attacker riding a bicycle detonated explosives strapped to his body. The soldier wounded yesterday belonged to the same company.

Military sources said last night that earlier in the day the IDF soldiers

deployed at the Netzarim post retreated 150 meters west of the junction, as they have been instructed to do when heavily outnumbered by an advancing mob. "Of course a [Palestinian] flag and slogans painted on the outposts are not a pretty sight, and it is easy to be a demagogue and call it 'surrender,' but the fact is that the soldiers did what they had to do and took what was their only course of action,"

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a source in the Southern Command said last night.

Col. Yossi Geiz, deputy commander of IDF forces in Gaza, said the soldiers retreated to allow the Palestinian Police to deal with the rioters.

"We have an understanding to withdraw to an agreed line so the police can act," he said.

The Southern Command source noted this course of action was decided upon following previous incidents in which IDF units found themselves trapped in Palestinian crossfire.

OC Southern Command Maj. Gen. Shaul Mofaz visited the Netzarim junction yesterday together with senior command officers. The army will make an official complaint to the Palestinian Authority today, through

the Coordination Office, and demand to know how so many demonstrators got past roadblocks and to the junction without being stopped by the Palestinian Police.

The demonstrators, most of whom came from the Nuseirat refugee camp, broke a Palestinian Police barrier and entered the junction with Palestinian policemen in pursuit. Other demonstrators then occupied

the abandoned IDF post and hung a Palestinian flag atop the watch tower. They also painted "Death to the Zionists" and other slogans on the concrete pillars of the outpost.

Later, hundreds of Hamas demonstrators arrived from the south intent on entering Gaza City, but they were turned back by a large Palestinian Police contingent. Over 1,000 people spent Shabbat in Netzarim to show support for the settlement.

PA to probe Gaza clashes with Hamas

At least 14 killed, 200 wounded in Friday violence between police and Hamas



PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza yesterday (AP)

JON IMMANUEL and LAMIA LAHOUD

THE Palestinian Authority decided yesterday to set up two committees to investigate Friday's shoot-out in Gaza between Hamas activists and the Palestinian Police, in which at least 14 people were killed and over 200 wounded.

The shootings occurred during riots outside the Palestine Mosque in Gaza City. The riots began when several Palestinian policemen posted near the mosque tried to stop the shouting of anti-Arafat slogans through the mosque's loudspeakers.

Hamas supporters called it a police massacre of worshippers, but the Palestinian Authority said people in the crowd had started shooting at police.

According to a communique issued by the PA after its meeting, eight of the dead were Fatah members who were killed at close range by bullets not used by the Palestinian Police. At least one of those killed was a Palestinian policeman, according to Palestinian officials.

The announcement said the PA had decided to form a judicial investigation committee, which will investigate the shoot-out, and a fact-finding commission that will include leading Palestinian personalities in an attempt to resolve the underlying tensions.

The PA also decided to release all Palestinians who were arrested this weekend against whom there was no evidence of wrongdoing. Palestinians whose property was damaged would be compensated, and all those killed in the shootout would be considered martyrs whose families would be cared for by the PA, the announcement said.

The severity of the clash shocked the Palestinian community. "No to civil war," read the banner headline of the Jerusalem daily *Al-Nahar* yesterday.

The PA also accused some Palestinian elements of trying to incite a civil war, and promised to take all measures necessary to ease the tension.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, described by close aides as bitter, has made no public statement in fear of making matters worse, aides said. The incident was the most violent



Worshippers carry away a wounded Palestinian after police opened fire in Gaza on Friday. (AP)

to demonstrate in memory of slain Islamic Jihad activist Hani Abed," Sadek said.

Hamas spokesmen in Gaza and Jerusalem both said the police caused the clash, however. Ahmed Baher in Gaza and Jamil Hamami in Jerusalem, speaking in separate TV interviews, said there could be no peace with the PA until the guilty policeman are tried.

"Arafat bears full responsibility for what happened. He is the source of decision-making in Gaza. He did not shoot at Hamas, he shot at the people, at worshippers," said Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, the leading Hamas spokesman.

He said the claim that a policeman was killed "is a total lie."

The Preventive Security agent said the situation in Gaza was now under control and that calm had been restored. But he admitted that the riot and shoot-out would make it more difficult to effect any reconciliation between Hamas and the PA, or to have Hamas join the PA and the police force, which had been discussed in recent weeks.

He denied reports that Hamas activists had already joined the Palestinian Police, and added that the Preventive Security Service wants to start disarming Palestinians who are not entitled to carry arms.

A Palestinian businessman from Gaza City with close links to the PA said that the issue of disarming Palestinians illegally carrying guns was raised in a meeting with Yasser Arafat this weekend. He said many Palestinians felt insecure as long as Hamas activists and other unauthorized elements were armed.

He said that after details of the shoot-out were made public by the PA yesterday, many Gazans blamed Hamas for the bloodshed and accused the Islamic extremists of creating an atmosphere of instability.

A general strike in Gaza declared while the funerals took place left the Strip relatively quiet but tense yesterday. Tires were reported burned in Shati, Rafiah, Nuseirat refugee camps and other Hamas strongholds, like the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood of Gaza City.

Supporters of both Hamas and Arafat held solidarity parades.

Riots erupt in response to killing

IDF kills three in Tulkarm, Gaza

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THE bloody clash between Palestinian Police and Islamic activists in Gaza Friday spilled over into riots against Israeli troops yesterday, with demonstrations at Netzarim junction, Hebron, Tulkarm, Jenin, Nablus, Kalkilya, and Ramallah.

The clashes with Israeli troops left three Palestinians dead and nine wounded. Almost all the casualties, one dead, Ahmed Wabed, and nine wounded, were in Tulkarm, where the riots were partly attributed to an IDF accident. A flare landed on a house in a nearby village Friday night, setting it on fire and burning occupant Mahmud Yudhi to death. The IDF apologized for the error and said it was investigating the cause.

"The IDF said 'in particularly serious disturbances' angry youths in Tulkarm yesterday blocked the main road leading to the IDF command post, and were forcibly dispersed."

The other fatality was Yasser al-Zayyan, 17, shot by soldiers during a raid by 150 Hamas supporters on the Netzarim checkpoint in Gaza yesterday.

Hamas declared a general strike in Gaza and Jericho for the first time since those territories came under Arafat's rule and against Arafat's standing orders. Police acquiesced because a voluntary strike had much the same effect as an imposed curfew which was considered but rejected after Friday's bloodletting.

Minor incidents and the sounds of gunfire were heard in the morning. Tires were burned in demonstrations in areas strongly supportive of Hamas, like Nuseirat, Sheikh Radwan and Shati.

In Hebron, the seat of strongest Hamas support outside Gaza, hundreds of youths marched in the downtown Bab al-Zawiye neighborhood. Some carried Korans and threw stones at soldiers. In Hebron, as in Ramallah, Jenin, Kalkilya and Nablus, no casualties were reported, the IDF said.

In Nablus, a clash developed with Hamas when Fatah at first tried to prevent Hamas supporters from declaring a strike, local sources said.

In eastern Jerusalem, Israeli police arrested more than 30 demonstrators protesting the killings.

One reason for the clashes, apart from a need to vent anger, seemed to be a general feeling that the Palestinian Authority was doing Israel's bidding in clashing with Islamic radicals. Arafat was called a puppet in some protests. But some people compared Israeli behavior unfavorably to that of the Palestinian Police.

confrontation between the Palestinian Authority and Islamic radicals since Arafat assumed authority in Gaza six months ago. Until now, he has preferred appeasement over suppression of his rivals, despite Israeli demands for tougher action against those who want to undermine the peace accords.

Efforts to mediate between Arafat and the extremists are now being made by Israeli Arabs identified as PLO and Islamic movement supporters.

"They need our mediation,"

Deputy Agriculture Minister Walid Sadek said last night, adding that the two inquiry committees announced by the PA had been established as the result of Israeli Arab mediation.

MK Abdul-Wahab Darawshe, who has been involved in the mediation effort, said general agreement had been reached on easing tensions but told Army Radio, "I'm afraid that any spark could re-ignite the situation in Gaza."

After clashing with the Islamic Jihad in recent weeks, Friday's events pitted the Palestinian

Authority against the much larger Hamas. Hamas has until now attempted to avoid direct confrontations with the Palestinian Authority and even agreed to cooperate with the PA on "social and religious" issues.

But PA official Hassan Asfour said Hamas had planned the riots several days ago. He said that on Thursday, Hamas had called on their supporters to storm PA offices at the former civil administration building in Gaza City after the Friday prayers.

Asfour said the Palestinian securi-

ty forces had information that armed activists were inside the Palestine Mosque. He said the crowd exiting the mosque attacked the police with stones and that gunmen opened fire at police from inside the mosque.

A senior Preventive Security agent confirmed this, saying two policemen were among the victims. PA spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said one policeman was killed.

Arafat told the Israeli Arab mediators that police were deployed around the mosque "because of fears that there were people who wanted

'There was shooting from every direction'

THE crack of gunfire and wail of ambulance sirens in the streets of Gaza were all too familiar. But this time, Palestinians were fighting Palestinians.

"It's just like the Jews," shouted one woman.

It was just after noon on Friday at Palestine Mosque, Gaza's largest. About 200 helmeted Palestinian police, gazing from behind plastic riot shields, were on hand to thwart a march by Islamic militants.

A few of the police who are usually posted discreetly near the Palestine Mosque during Friday midday prayers entered the building to demand that the political statements stop. They were hustled outside, where they began dismantling loudspeakers on a truck. When people tried to stop them they

fired in the air.

Hearing the shots, a crowd left the mosque and began pelting police with stones from the open area opposite the entrance. Police opened fire, immediately wounding several people.

"Stop shooting your own people or else you will pay a high price," Ahmed Bahar, a senior fundamentalist leader who gave the sermon, appealed over loudspeakers to the police.

Police replied by shooting at the loudspeakers of the mosque.

"In one second they began to shoot in the air," a news photographer said. "The people shouted Allahu Akbar (God is Great). People were shouting. There was shooting from every direction. People were falling," he said.

The rioters began smashing police

cars, setting four on fire. The rioting got worse and shooting continued, spreading to the area around Shifa Hospital where ambulances, sirens screeching, brought the dead and wounded.

As gunshot victims came in one door, bodies wrapped in white shrouds were taken out of another.

Frantic relatives crowded hospital corridors. With each arriving ambulance, youths jumped on the vehicle's roof and shouted out their faith in God.

"I have never heard so much shouting," said one Gaza resident as police fired in the air and at demonstrators who tried to storm a police station in Gaza's Shujaiya neighborhood.

"There must have been thousands of

shots fired at one time."

A leader of the Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement, Sayyed Abu Musameh, said: "It is rage against the situation from all people. Rage against Israeli attacks and the way the Palestinian Authority is dealing with the people."

Asked whether this was civil war, he said: "No. Hamas is very concerned that there be no civil war against Palestinians. This is rage."

A physician who is a member of the Committee for the Protection of Palestinian Rights, headed by Hanan Ashrawi, said the shoot-out was a result of mounting tension during the last two weeks following the mass arrests of

Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists.

Outside Shifa Hospital, three Hamas activists opened fire on a police van carrying wounded PLO police. Police got out of the van firing in the air, and carried in an officer wounded in the mosque.

Hamas activists jumped on the police van and set it ablaze.

"Arafat, traitor! Arafat, killer!" shout-

ed angry Palestinians at the hospital, where the number of wounded was so great doctors had to treat them. Palestinian police and angry stone-throwers, both wanting to prevent their actions from being exposed to the world, beat up and shot at photographers and confiscated their cameras and film.

Treasury opposes Tsur cure for tomato price crisis

JOSE ROSENFELD and Tim

AT today's cabinet meeting, the Treasury will oppose Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur's plan to solve the tomato price crisis, budget director David Brodet said last night.

Tsur's plan calls for an automatic approval of imports when the price of a particular fruit or vegetable jumps by over 200 percent of production costs. The imports will be conditioned so that if the price drops below 80% of the production costs, the government will intervene and remove the surplus in order to insure a minimum price to farmers.

"Tsur doesn't care how much the program costs the taxpayer, he is only thinking how to help the farmers," said Brodet.

"Why should consumers wait until the price rises to 200% before steps are taken to lower prices?" he asked.

The Treasury proposed earlier this year as part of its anti-inflation package to automatically grant import licenses for produce when the average monthly price jumps more than 50%. Although Brodet did not want to commit himself to that specific proposal, he said the Treasury will come up with a similar plan.

Brodet noted that the government compensation proposed by Tsur will end up compensat-

ing local farmers for exports from Gaza.

Last night, Agrexco began emergency imports of tomatoes from Spain and the Canary Islands. Sixty tons of tomatoes arrived by air freight which will be sold today in the country's markets. The company is planning to bring 100 tons a day until prices drop.

Agrexco was drafted by Tsur to bring in the tomatoes after the Agriculture Ministry gave up on massive imports by means of private importers.

Meanwhile, another attempt at importing tomatoes from Jordan will be made today. The previous shipment was canceled after testing positive for insecticides and fungus.

The wholesale price of tomatoes skyrocketed to NIS10 over the weekend and was selling for NIS14 at retail chains. Inferior quality tomatoes sold in open markets for between NIS4.50 and NIS5. In a separate development, the Agriculture Ministry has received permission from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to double the number of workers from the territories who are employed in the agriculture sector. Another 4,500 workers will be allowed into Israel this week.

Eilat slated for cross-border sports event next year

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EVENTS at the annual Isrotel Eilat International Triathlon, which ran for the eighth time yesterday, will cross into Jordan and Egypt when the ninth event is held next September, a Tourism Ministry official announced.

Naftali Raz, coordinator of Peace Tourism Year events at the ministry, said that the 1995 Eilat triathlon would have the competitors crossing the borders into both Akaba and Taba.

"Initial contacts have already been made with the Jordanian and Egyptian tourism ministers, and their response seems to be positive," Raz said.

The triathlon, which comprises a 1.5-km swim, a 40-km cycle race and a 10-km road run, is due to be held on September 30, the last day of Peace Tourism Year, Raz said.

The triathlon is due to become an Olympic event at the Sydney Games in the year 2000.

Yesterday's event, held in Eilat and its environs, was won by Briton Richard Hobson, who captured the men's title, and Belgian Jannine de Ruyssecher, who won the women's crown.

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Concern that unrest in Gaza may spill over

Rabin: 'We should stay out of it'

THE tension in Gaza could escalate into a full-fledged civil war that could easily spill over into the territories and Israel unless economic aid is quickly pumped into the area to help restore Arafat's authority, a senior officer in the Southern Command said last night.

"To say that Gaza is a pressure cooker is to grossly understate the seriousness and volatility of the situation," the officer said. "They are on the verge of a civil war and I fear a 'Lebanonization' of the Gaza Strip that could very well spill over and produce chaos."

He added that Arafat's political predicaments are mainly attributable to economic hardships.

"After six months of trying to assert his authority in Gaza, he [Arafat] cannot deliver on the promises of a better life he made to the Palestinians. Part of it may be his fault, but the lack of financial aid from donor countries certainly damages his status and ability to govern," the officer said.

Other army sources said that

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they are closely watching developments in the Gaza Strip.

"The political struggle in Gaza has adverse implications on the continued implementation of the Cairo agreement and could potentially disrupt the delicate security cooperation between the IDF and the Palestinian Police," an army source in Tel Aviv said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel would not intervene in the Gaza fighting.

"I propose we leave it to the Palestinians to deal with their internal matters," Rabin, who is in the US, told Army Radio.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres concurred with Rabin.

"I hope that the Palestinian Authority prevails in its struggle with the Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. The PA has a very strong police force and the right to hold and use firearms. The current struggle between the PLO and the Hamas and the Islamic Jihad is an internal Palestinian issue," Peres told

Army Radio.

"We must be very cautious and not create the impression that Israel is involved. The Palestinians must decide for themselves if they want peace or violence, the Palestinian Authority or the Hamas," Peres said.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer warned PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that the internal Palestinian strife could block implementation of the next phase of the Israel-PLO accord.

"On Monday we are due to meet the Palestinians in Cairo to discuss all of the facets of the next phase, and it will be very difficult for us to move one step forward if it has not been made clear to us that Yasser Arafat has at long last decided to take the authority [over Gaza] into his own hands," he told Army Radio.

"If he doesn't end this once and for all, and prove who is in charge, it seems to me we should forget about Gaza and the rest of the process for a very long time," Ben-Eliezer said.



A border policeman arrests a Palestinian during yesterday's disturbances in eastern Jerusalem, following Friday's riot in Gaza. Police had to use tear gas and rubber bullets to clear the streets. (AP)

Effigies of Arafat and Rabin burned in Lebanon

THE Arab world reacted in anger tomorrow to Friday's intercommunal violence between the Palestinian Police and Hamas rioters. In Sidon, Lebanon, rioters burned effigies of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 12 Palestinian refugee camps across Lebanon.

The shanty towns housing about 400,000 Palestinians in northern, eastern and southern Lebanon as well as Beirut were bedecked with black flags, and their entrances were blocked by burning car tires.

The protest came in response to a call for a general strike in the camps issued by the fundamentalist Hamas and Islamic Jihad factions.

In the teeming camp of Ein el-Hilweh, the largest in Lebanon,

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hooded gunmen from Hamas and 10 radical factions backed by Syria patrolled the dusty alleyways to make sure schools, shops, businesses, cafes and cinemas were closed.

Thousands of residents marched in a mid-morning demonstration at the camp on the southeastern outskirts of Lebanon's southern port of Sidon, chanting "death to traitor Arafat."

In Damascus, Syria condemned the deaths in Gaza and said the "massacre" would undermine the Middle East peace process.

"The Gaza massacre was perpetrated in accordance with a premeditated criminal Israeli plan that aims at breaking Palestinian

ranks, liquidating their cause and burying the Middle East peace process," said the government-run newspaper *Tahrir*.

The Damascus-based Fatah-Uprising movement, a breakaway faction from Arafat's mainstream Fatah group, bitterly denounced Friday's killings and vowed to continue its struggle against the peace accord.

"This ugly massacre poses an aggression by Arafat's police against the Palestinian people, which rejects the disgraceful and treacherous peace accord with Israel," the group said in a statement.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said yesterday

that Palestinian authorities were not wholly to blame for an explosion of internal violence in Gaza on Friday and urged Palestinians to overcome their differences.

"These incidents were regrettable and we hope they will not be repeated. Palestinians of all persuasions should support the Palestinian Authority and move together," he told reporters after meeting senior PLO official Farouk Kaddoumi.

Moussa said that President Hosni Mubarak, who stars on a European tour today, will push for Western donors to begin pouring aid into the Palestinian autonomous areas before opposition overcomes the peace process.

Watchdog forum meets today

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AMMAN

THE first meeting of the forum monitoring the implementation of the Israel-Jordan peace treaty will take place today at the offices of the Beit She'an Valley Regional Council. The Israeli team will be headed by Elyakim Rubinstein and the Jordanian team will be headed by Hani Mulki, adviser to the crown prince.

During talks in Amman at the end of the week, the two sides agreed that more financing is needed to build dams on the Yarmouk and Jordan Rivers. While Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the dams, along with a water desalination project, would cost \$140 million, a senior Foreign Ministry official said after yesterday's session that the price has now been set at \$400 million. He gave no explanation on the disparity between costs.

Jordanians say Israel delays visas

HAIM SHAPIRO and news agencies

JORDANIAN tour operators complained yesterday that Israel was delaying issuing visas to Jordanians who wanted to visit their neighbor while Israelis were being granted visas to Jordan in less than 48 hours.

Dawood Qutob of Diana Tours in Amman said the first group of 86 Jordanian tourists was still awaiting Israeli permission, a week after Israelis started flocking to the kingdom following the signing of a peace treaty between the two countries.

Tourism Ministry Director-General Eli Gonen said last night that he had been unaware of any such problem.

Rabin, Netanyahu make their cases to American Jewry

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DENVER

THE Likud is not behind the recent lobbying in Congress to oppose a US troop presence on the Golan Heights, party leader Binyamin Netanyahu said here Friday.

Former officials and allies of the Shamir government engaged in such activity "are categorically not sent by us, they are sent to us in our name. I do vigorously contest the allegation or notion that they are sent by us," Netanyahu told reporters here.

Three officials from the Shamir government — Yigal Carmon, Yossi Ben-Aharon and Yoram Ettinger — have visited Washington twice in the last half-year to make the case on Capitol Hill that US troops should not be sent to the Golan to monitor any Israeli-Syrian deal.

Netanyahu also said none of the three were Likud members. His remarks followed his address to the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who addressed the gathering Thursday night, told reporters that while the opposition has the right to call for new elections or to seek parliamentary action to advance a cause, those Israelis lobbying in Washington "cause long-term damage to Israel, and it's a shame."

"I can't see why today in Sinai [a multinational observer force] is kosher, and why if there will be a peace treaty with Syria it will not be kosher," he said.

Netanyahu said that the question of whether to station US troops on the Golan is a purely American matter.

"I want to make it clear: The question of actual decisions or

laws about this issue [withdrawal from the Golan] will be decided by Israelis in Israel in the Knesset or in a plebiscite," he said.

"And if the issue of American soldiers happens or becomes a real issue, it will be decided by American Jews and non-Jews. I believe that there is an urgent need to energetically engage in the debate and this will be decided in Congress. I intend to lobby in the Knesset, not in Congress. That's a good division of labor: Americans will lobby in America and Israelis will lobby in Israel. I do not intend to 'replace the Israeli government' in Washington, and I expect the same to be reciprocated in the not-too-distant future by the next opposition."

Ettinger attended the four-day conference here, but told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had not come to press the Golan issue with leaders of the philanthropic group. However, Ettinger said he had met with Sen. Hank Brown (R-Colorado), whom he quoted as opposing sending US troops to the Golan.

Netanyahu's appearance marked the first time an Israeli opposition leader addressed a CJF General Assembly.

He said that the battle for Jerusalem has begun, and called on Rabin to press the US to move its embassy to Jerusalem — "and move it now."

In their speeches, both Rabin and Netanyahu pressed for an Israel-Diaspora partnership to dramatically increase the number of Jewish youth visiting Israel. Such a program would help to counter fading Jewish identity here, they said.

Dodd rebukes Helms for comment on Israel-Syria talks

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — A member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rebuked incoming Republican chairman Jesse Helms on Thursday for appearing to suggest there was no point in Israeli-Syrian peace negotiations.

Senator Christopher Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat, called the remarks reckless and said they could disrupt the Middle East peace process.

Helms, a prominent Senate conservative who is in line to take over the Foreign Relations Committee when the new Republican-controlled Congress convenes in January, complained that the Camp David accords had cost the United States \$80 billion to \$100

billion in aid "with no end in sight."

A summary of his views issued by his staff added: "Syria does not want peace with Israel. They want the Golan Heights and access to US money. We must have an assessment of the Middle East peace process to know what our commitments are."

Helms himself reiterated these views yesterday in an interview with CNN. He said that he doesn't oppose the continuation of aid to Israel, but that Syria doesn't want peace with Israel, just the Golan and a way to get American money. He also rejected the plan to send American troops to the Golan.

Dodd told a news conference: "I think it's very reckless for the in-

coming chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee to be stepping up and suggesting somehow that the United States, as a matter of public policy, would take the position there would be no negotiations."

Dodd said the statement could disrupt a fragile peace effort, adding: "It is a tinderbox and you have to be careful about what you say."

"Even though it's only one senator... he is being talked about as the new incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. That means something."

Meanwhile, a statement by Helms criticizing President Bill Clinton as not up to the job of commander-in-chief was refuted

by the chairman of the military Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Shalikashvili.

"President Clinton is our commander-in-chief. He has and will continue to have the loyalty and full support of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," said a statement by Shalikashvili.

The statement was released late on Friday, after Helms said many active-duty officers had no support for Clinton.

In the CNN interview yesterday, Helms said the view was expressed by "just about every military man who writes to me," noting that "we've got a pile of military installations" in his home state of North Carolina.

Police battle Kedumim residents

A FIGHT broke out between police and residents of Kedumim last night when the police came to serve a warrant against a man suspected of involvement in the Jewish underground.

Police arrived at the home of Elyashiv Keller's in-laws, who refused to open the door. The officers then broke into the house, according to residents.

A neighbor who heard the racket approached the house and was asked by police to show his identification card. He said he told them his

ID was at home, while the police claim he refused to show it.

A fight then broke out between the man and the policemen, with the man suffering injuries. Other residents then came and separated the two sides.

Police said the officers had not used force against Kedumim residents, but were invited into the house after talking with the owner. Keller, whose car was parked by the house, was not found there.

Police said they would continue their efforts to arrest Keller. (JTM)

Business leaders warn Shohat: Bright picture is dimming

JOSE ROSENFELD

BUSINESS and economic leaders shared their concerns about worsening economic conditions for next year at a meeting with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat on Friday.

Although most of the people agreed that up until now the economy has been doing well, "indicators are showing that the situation will not continue next year," said a participant.

Most see an erosion in industrial and export profitability due to private sector high wages and steep business interest rates. Asked whether the Treasury's much touted proposal to reduce the cost of living wage adjustment by about 3 percent will help cut inflation down, a participant responded that it would not be "earthshaking," but perhaps a step in the right direction.

Among those attending the meeting were Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper, Dov Lautman of Delta, and Israel Chambers of Commerce president Danny Gilleman.

Everyone agreed that inflation was the most pressing problem and that although the government has made decisions on steps to bring down housing and fruit and vegetable prices, it failed to implement them. They called on the government to carry out its program and to speed up privatization by offering attractive companies to capital market investors.

A majority rejected out of hand a devaluation as a means to improve industry's profitability. They warned that a one-time devaluation would only heat up inflation. Talk about a devaluation is unnecessary and even dangerous, they added.

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Jordanian fears: A frail straw in a strong gale

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have confidence in ourselves and in our ability to make the right decisions which protect our interests."

Jordanian fears sometimes center on the size of Jordan's economy, with some noting that its economy is a small fraction of Israel's \$60 billion gross national product. However, instead of being swallowed up, economists note, it is in fact the smaller market that does better by having access to a larger one. This was the calculation made by countries such as Israel, Canada and Mexico when they signed free trade agreements with the US over the last decade.

Indeed, it is Israeli economists who fret about something else. They say Jordanians do not earn enough to purchase Israeli hi-tech products.

All this does not mean that Jordan opposes the peace treaty with Israel. Some polls put support at 80 percent to 85 percent. Jordanians say support for the treaty is due to a variety of factors: general support for King Hussein, who has been an impassioned ad-

vocate of the accord; a sense of fatigue that after four decades of proclaimed conflict there is little to be gained by stalemate; and a hope that a peace dividend will come from a different direction.

Columnists here have been pointing out that both Israel and Egypt received over \$2 billion each from the US after their peace treaty fifteen years ago. More and more, they are insisting that the US now provide Amman with the same aid and not trade.

However, with Republicans seeking to cut foreign aid globally — now in charge of the US Congress, Jordanians will be disappointed. The US is committing itself to nullify \$700 million of Jordanian debt forgiveness and providing modernization for an aging military, but Uncle Sam will not stretch its hands with billions of dollars to Amman.

The call to Jordanians not to be paralyzed by fear but to move ahead was advanced the other day by no one less than King Hussein. In a speech to the nation, Hussein declared, "It is high time for us to define our own responsibilities and priorities before we lay upon others the responsibilities of all that has befallen our nation."

Angolan peace signing may be downgraded

LUSAKA (Reuters) - Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi has told the United Nations he will not come to Lusaka but a promised peace agreement may be signed today at a lower level, an Angolan government source said yesterday.

Angolan President Eduardo dos Santos arrived in the Zambian capital yesterday hoping to seal the accord. His government promised safe passage to Lusaka for Savimbi, whose main UNITA base at Huambo in Angola's central highlands was overrun by government troops this month.

The peace would end 19 years of civil war in Angola, an oil and diamond producing country on the west coast of southern Africa which became the cockpit of a Cold War proxy conflict after independence from Portugal in 1975.

UNITA officials told reporters at mid-day they did not know whether Savimbi would come. UN and Zambian officials were equally in the dark.

But an Angolan government source told Reuters during the afternoon that UNITA's peace talks negotiator Eugenio Manuvakola was now expected to sign on Savimbi's behalf.

Dos Santos might respond by having a subordinate sign for the government, the source said.

The source said UNITA had told UN mediator Alioune Blondin Beye that Savimbi was not satisfied with guarantees of safe passage.

"We have been told that Mr Beye has been telephoned by a UNITA

commander and told that Savimbi is not coming and Eugenio Manuvakola should sign on his behalf," the Angolan source said.

Savimbi had promised his personal commitment to the peaceful resolution of the conflict, he said.

A senior Zambian official earlier told Reuters: "We are just waiting for a final telephone call from Savimbi anytime now to tell us whether he is coming and if so where and at what time we can pick him up from Angola to come to Lusaka."

The Zambian government telephoned Savimbi on Friday asking whether the signing ceremony should be called off.

"He said 'No, no, no, please don't make that announcement. We need more time,'" said the Zambian official, who declined to be identified.

Manuvakola, the UNITA negotiator, told reporters at mid-day he still did not know whether Savimbi would come or whether the peace pact would be signed.

The leadership is in Angola and depending on the military situation, they will decide on the situation of the political events in Lusaka," he said.

Asked about the government's promise of safe passage, he said: "I don't know anything about that. I will rely on information from my leadership."

The two sides initiated the pact in Lusaka on October 31 after 11 months of UN-led talks and announced a truce on Tuesday. But fighting continued unabated.



Pedestrians run for their lives after a sniper killed a seven-year-old boy on the streets of Sarajevo on Friday. (Reuters)

Lebanese warlord Geagea on trial

BEIRUT (AP) - Former Christian warlord Samir Geagea drew tumultuous acclaim as he went on trial yesterday, facing a possible death penalty if convicted of bombing a church or killing a political rival.

Some 1,000 black-belted army commandos ringed the five-story courthouse as Geagea, leader of the Lebanese Forces militia in the late stages of the 1975-1990 civil war, was brought in from prison.

The slim, balding chieftain, whose name once spelled terror across the Christian heartland, was greeted with applause at the courtroom. He wore blue jeans and a black leather jacket over a white sweater.

Chants of "Hakim, Hakim," Arabic for doctor, Geagea's nickname from his medicine school years, rang out for more than a minute from the 600-strong audience. Geagea, smiling, acknowledged the cheers by waving his right arm and then sat in the dock.

Geagea, 43, is accused of masterminding the Notre Dame de la Deliverance Maronite Catholic church blast in the Christian-populated port city of Jounieh Feb. 27, 1994. Eleven worshippers were killed and 60 wounded.

Some 200 supporters from Geagea's hometown in Besharri, northern Lebanon, tried to demonstrate outside the courthouse, but dispersed peacefully after troops fired in the air.

Another group following the court proceedings through loud-speakers from an adjacent room cheered and clapped until the presiding judge threatened to throw them out of the building.

"This is a court of law, not a circus," Chief Justice Philip Khairallah snapped.

The trial has been billed by the Lebanese news media as the most important in Lebanon since it gained independence from France in 1943.

Geagea's father, Farid, 65, and his mother Mary, 58, sat sobbing at his wife Strida's side.

Journalists and spectators were frisked by troops before they were allowed into the courtroom. Cameras, tape recorders and anything the army deemed could be booby-trapped was banned.

After the 2,000-page indictments were read out, the five-man tribunal adjourned the church bombing trial to Friday and that of Christian politician Dahi Chamoun's murder to Dec. 2.

Frelimo wins in Mozambique vote

MAPUTO (Reuters) - Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano and his ruling Frelimo Party yesterday won his country's first multi-party elections with 53.3 percent of the presidential vote and 129 of the 250 parliamentary seats.

"The winner of the elections was the Mozambican people," Chissano said in a national radio and television broadcast from his Frelimo party headquarters where he watched the announcement of the results on television.

Former rebel leader Afonso Dhlakama, whose party took 112 parliamentary seats, conceded defeat in the final tally from the October 27-29 polls but said he still believed the elections had been free with irregularities.

"We accept the election results, but they were not fair," he told a news conference at his Maputo residence. "However, we acknowledge that they were the only elections and we accept them with their deficiencies."

National Electoral Commission president Brazao Mazula said Dhlakama came second with 33.7 percent of votes for president.

An earlier broadcast on state radio gave Frelimo 130 seats in parliament and Renamo 111 after tallies lasting three weeks.

Chissano appealed in his address

for a final end to the civil war that raged for 16 years from independence until the signing of a peace accord with Renamo in October 1992 and said Dhlakama should be treated with "dignity."

Dhlakama said he would shift his battle against Frelimo from the bush to parliament, where a five percent threshold for seats eliminated smaller parties and allowed Chissano's party a majority with only 44.3 percent of the parliamentary vote.

"There will never again be dictatorship in our country. From now on the people will have a representative voice in parliament," Dhlakama said.

Groups of Mozambicans gathered around radios in the streets to follow the announcement of the election results and jogged through the streets cheering Chissano and his party.

Later, however, the city was quiet and heavily armed troops maintained regular patrols.

The only other party in parliament will be the Democratic Union, which polled 245,793 votes and won nine seats.

Third in the presidential race was former Frelimo freedom fighter Wehla Ripua of the Mozambique Democratic Party (Pademo), who polled 141,905 votes.

Communists win Nepal election

KATHMANDU (Reuters) - Nepal's liberal Congress Party conceded defeat in the Himalayan kingdom's general elections yesterday as its communist rivals sought to patch together a coalition to help it govern a divided electorate.

"We are out of power," Congress spokesman Mahesh Acharya said. "The indications are we will have to sit in the opposition."

With 175 of 205 parliamentary seats decided, the Communist Party Unified Marxist-Leninist (UML) had won 83 seats while Congress, the outgoing ruling party, had 62.

"I think it is very clear the voters don't want us in the government,"

Acharya said. "We have to abide by this verdict."

But Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, sapped by allegations of corruption and party infighting, was forced to call snap polls when he lost a vote of confidence in July.

Yesterday, as the final votes trickled in from villages to Kathmandu, the UML was on the verge of winning at least a plurality of votes and leading the kingdom into communism.

Polling in some 18 constituencies, disrupted by violence on Tuesday, was rescheduled for the weekend and authorities said final results might not be announced for several days.

Hassidic shooting victim describes ordeal

NEW YORK (AP) - An Israeli-born student, who suffered severe head wounds in an attack on a van of Hassidic students, testified Wednesday he can't see small letters, hears almost nothing in his right ear, and can't control his swallowing.

Consulting occasionally with a Hebrew interpreter, Nachum Sosonkin described his ordeal in testimony at the trial of the man who shot one of his schoolmates dead and almost killed him, too.

Sosonkin, 18, was shot in the head when Rashid Baz fired on a van carrying 15 Hassidic students across the Brooklyn Bridge. Sosonkin says the last thing he recalls is the van turning onto the bridge.

Three weeks later, he awoke in a

hospital intensive care unit to find his sister singing to him. He could not speak, so they worked out signals to communicate - one hand squeeze for yes, two for no.

Assistant District Attorney William Mahoney asked Sosonkin how his physical condition changed since the shooting. The student said vision and hearing were affected, and he said his inability to swallow prevents him from feeding himself.

Several women, including Halberstam's mother, Deborah, wept as Sosonkin spoke.

Earlier, Dr. Alan Hirschfeld, a neurosurgeon who operated on Sosonkin, testified that the teen is fed through an opening in the abdominal wall into his stomach.

At least 15 wounded as Serb planes again attack Bosnia

ZAGREB - Serb warplanes struck at government-held northwest Bosnia for a second day yesterday, the United Nations said. One of the planes crashed into an apartment building.

At least 15 people were severely wounded as the planes strafed and bombed the center of Cazin, the Bosnian ambassador to the United Nations, Mhammed Sacirbey, said in New York.

"At least one apartment building was hit, one group of flats," said UN spokesman Paul Risley. One of the Orao fighter-bombers crashed against a building and the pilot was killed, he added.

Sacirbey said the crashed plane had been shot down by government forces.

The raid came as the UN Security Council was preparing to decide on a measure that would allow NATO to strike at targets in Serb-held parts of Croatia, where the planes were based.

The Security Council measure apparently would not punish Serbs for attacks carried out before the resolution is passed, so yesterday's raid may not result in an immediate response by NATO.

The government's Bihac Press Agency reported the attack took place about 3:50 p.m. local time. UN sources said Czech peacekeepers at Udbina reported two Orao jets

took off, and only one landed. The source said the target of the attack may have been a Bosnian army ammunition factory in Cazin.

The attack came one day after two planes, attacked the government town of Bihac, to the south of Cazin. The United Nations said yesterday the Serbs were guilty of a "villainous act" in using napalm in an air raid on the Bosnian town of Bihac, a so-called UN safe area.

Fresh fighting was reported in the northwestern Bihac region, where Moslem government troops are striving desperately to fend off attacks from rebel Moslems and Serbs from Bosnia and Croatia.

The United Nations said the use of napalm in Friday's raid on Bihac town by Croatian Serb warplanes was the first time napalm - the gelatinous and highly inflammable liquid used to devastating effect by the US in Vietnam - had been used in more than three years of fighting in former Yugoslavia.

This is the first confirmed use of napalm in the war in Yugoslavia and it represents a clear violation of international conventions which ban the use of such weaponry of mass destruction and terror," said UN spokesman Paul Risley.

US 5-year-olds play 'Nazis and Jews'

BRIDGEWATER, Nova Scotia (AP) - A teacher was suspended Friday for a lesson about the Holocaust in which her 5-year-old students portrayed Nazis selecting Jews for the gas chamber.

More than a dozen parents complained about teacher Sharon Naugler to the district school board this week. They objected to her Holocaust class project on Nov. 11, the Remembrance Day holiday marking the end of World War I.

Naugler of the Riverport District Elementary School near Lunenburg, N.S., was suspended without pay until next Thursday for teaching the graphic lesson to children who were too young to understand, said a school board official.

"This type of a lesson ... has been used to instruct teachers on ways to sensitize children to the issues of prejudice and racism," said Terry Sullivan, superintendent of the Lunenburg County District School Board.

"It was inappropriate for children of this age."

In the lesson, students in Naugler's class with dark hair and eyes were classified as Jews while fair-haired students with blue eyes portrayed

Nazis. The dark-haired students were lined up and told that in Hitler's Germany they would have been sent to gas chambers and their bodies burned afterward.

"One child did experience nightmares and it was definitely as a result of this story," said Heather Stoddard, one of the parents who complained to the board.

"This child had dark hair and dark eyes. They were taught that Hitler liked blond-haired, blue-eyed children. And the dark-haired, dark-eyed ones he didn't like."

Stoddard said her own daughter, who played a German, wasn't troubled by the lesson.

"Even though my daughter was not affected, I just did not agree with this story being related to these children - especially in so graphically a manner," said Stoddard.

"They were told that they would go to showers and poison would come out and when they died, their bodies would burn after."

However, Stoddard said she thought reaction to the story was overblown. "We weren't on a witch hunt," she said. "I just didn't think there was any need for anybody to be that graphic describing the Holocaust to a bunch of 5-year-olds."

The children were assessed by a school psychologist and a Health Department official, who found them generally unaffected, said an Education Department report released in Halifax.

"One particular student was more sensitive than the others, possibly because of a recent death in the family," said the report.

The school psychologist contacted the child's parents and recommended appropriate coping strategies, it said. Naugler has been teaching young children for more than 20 years. She could not be reached for comment.

Denise McAuley, whose daughter was also cast as a Nazi, was concerned that children are being taught about racism.

"They should be teaching multiculturalism and how to accept different cultures, not show children the worst scenarios in the past history of the world," she said.

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Clinton: 'Stop moaning'

HONOLULU (AP) — President Clinton, returning home after an Asian trip and a short Hawaiian vacation, says it's time for Democrats and Republicans to stop "moaning" and work together.

But Clinton has his work cut out for him with a new political reality at home. He has been gone since two days after the election that handed control of both chambers of Congress to Republicans for the first time in 40 years.

"We don't need to become divided so that we have some losers and some winners. We don't need to demonize our government... What we really need to do is simply to just face our challenges," Clinton said in the only public appearance of his three-day vacation in Hawaii.

The president cut short his vacation by half a day to return home. Clinton acknowledged "a period of transition and change," driven home by the election results.

"We are going through several big changes at once now as a people. To me, it is very interesting to see how people deal with it in different places and in different ways," Clinton said.

But, he said, "We have to fall back on what has always made us great, and what has always made us great is not moaning or being negative, or being divisive, or running down people who are different from what we are."

"What always made us great is coming together," he said.

He spoke as the incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, said Clinton was not a capable commander-in-chief of the nation's armed forces. He spoke in a CNN interview.

Helms also said he will try as soon as the new Congress convenes in January to get all US troops recalled from Haiti.

Clinton said that, rather than name calling, US leaders should be "figuring out some practical hard-headed way to solve problems, so our children can be better off than we are."

Clinton has been received warmly in Hawaii during his three-day stay, one of the only states in the nation that stuck with Democrats in all major races.

Bandleader Cab Calloway dies at 86

NEW YORK (AP) — Cab Calloway, the prancing, dancing American jazz bandleader whose shouts of "hi-de-ho" resounded from the stage of Harlem's famed Cotton Club, has died. He was 86.

Calloway suffered a severe stroke on June 12. He died Friday night in a Delaware nursing home with his family at his side, said his wife, Nuffie.

As a bandleader, singer, author, dancer and songwriter, Calloway performed for more than 60 years, from Chicago to New York, on Broadway and in Hollywood movies. His influence in the music world was huge.

Calloway was the man who hired an unknown Dizzy Gillespie and promoted the careers of Pearl Bailey and Lena Horne. He later became known to a younger generation through the 1960 hit film *The Blues Brothers*.

Even in old age, he was a marvel to watch — a dervish who dashed from one end of the stage to the other, his limbs and his mop of unruly hair flying in all directions as he flashed an enormous smile.



New Fianna Fail leader Bertie Ahern (left) talks to his predecessor Albert Reynolds on Friday before his election to the post. (Reuters)

Finance Minister Ahern to head biggest Irish party

RICHARD MEARES
DUBLIN

FINANCE Minister Bertie Ahern was elected unopposed yesterday as the leader of Fianna Fail, Ireland's largest political party — but the Republic's political crisis appeared far from over.

Ahern took over from outgoing Prime Minister Albert Reynolds and immediately promised to keep the fragile Northern Ireland peace initiative on the rails.

"The peace process must continue on, without interruption, without hesitation, without pause. That is our duty and our responsibility. It can bring a peace divided of happiness, employment and shared prosperity," he told a party meeting.

The 43-year-old Ahern, a consensus politician renowned for his skill with opponents, took over as party leader after his only rival, Justice Minister Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, dropped out.

Ahern, the youngest leader in the

70-year history of Fianna Fail, now faces an uphill climb trying to form a new government with the Labor Party, which pulled out in protest at Reynolds' handling of an extradition case.

British and Irish politicians have united in urging continued peace talks in Northern Ireland where both the IRA and its Protestant militia foes have called ceasefires in the 25-year-old conflict.

Ahern told his party: "I want to continue the magnificent peace-making task Albert Reynolds began and I pledge to put the best and most experienced people to work on this key task."

Irish political commentators said a quick resolution of the Republic's crisis was unlikely. Parliament meets on Tuesday to try and choose a new gov-

ernment and prime minister.

The Irish Times said Labor would propose its leader and "kingmaker" Dick Spring as the new premier, a move that is bound to infuriate Fianna Fail, the biggest party in a country well used to political upheavals.

Ahern and Spring are expected to hold exploratory talks over the weekend.

If they fail, then Labor could be tempted into an alliance with opposition Fine Gael leader John Bruton. If that stalls, Ireland will be plunged into a general election just two years after the last one.

All sides on both sides of the Irish Sea have pledged not to let the instability interfere with a peace process that began with a joint Anglo-Irish declaration a year ago for which

Reynolds took much credit.

But Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, president of the IRA's political wing, urged politicians in Dublin to sort their troubles out as quickly as they could.

A protracted crisis leaving Ireland without an effective government could dent the fragile process at a crucial time.

Reynolds and British Prime Minister John Major were expected to announce soon the next stage in the process, a framework document for all-party talks in Northern Ireland.

Britain is also gearing up for unprecedented exploratory talks which it promised to hold with Sinn Fein after three months of peace.

These talks will be very delicate. Britain is expected to ask the IRA to hand in its powerful arsenal before full talks can begin — a demand Sinn Fein will find it hard to agree to. (Reuters)

Order returns to East Timor after protest becomes a battle

DILI (AP) — Order returned to the capital of East Timor early yesterday after a political demonstration escalated into a violent battle among pro-and anti-Indonesian groups and riot police.

Hundreds of people took part in the melee outside Dili's Roman Catholic Cathedral late Friday.

Protesters hurled rocks, bricks and bottles into the air before police used tear gas and batons to disperse most of the crowd.

East Timor police Chief Col. Sugianto Andreas said that between 60 and 100 anti-government protesters were cornered by officers on the Cathedral grounds, which are surrounded by high walls. They were allowed to leave the scene after mediation by Roman Catholic Bishop Carlos Belo along with a traditional chief and Red Cross officials.

Fighting began when the protesters, who want independence from Indonesia, staged a noisy demonstration where at least 500 had gathered for a mass.

The worshippers, some of them families with small children, came even though the bishop had cancelled the service fearing politically motivated violence.

Pro-government supporters, many of whom appeared to be settlers from

other parts of Indonesia, subsequently gathered outside the cathedral grounds and threw objects at the demonstrators.

Several people, including foreign journalists, were attacked by angry groups from both sides.

At least two local men, one of them working as a guide for a visiting German television crew, were badly beaten by anti-Indonesian demonstrators who accused them of being government informants.

Exact numbers of injuries were not available. Doctors said many of the injured had not sought hospital treatment.

It was the second violent disturbance in Dili since rioters rampaged its main street last Sunday. Twenty-two people have been under arrest since then.

Meanwhile, an Australian tourist was ordered to leave East Timor yesterday after officials accused him of not having paper required to visit the province.

Before being escorted into a plane to Bali, Australian citizen Andrew Norton of Darwin said he was questioned by immigration officials and police for three hours Friday night. Police confiscated Norton's video footage of the demonstration, he said.

Gambling fever sends Britons lottery-mad

LONDON (Reuters) — Britons went lottery-mad yesterday in a last-minute rush to become instant millionaires — even though their jackpot chances were put at 14 million to one.

From a 100-year-old woman planning a holiday in Wales to a businessman hoping to build a new theatre, millions chased a pot of gold that could top seven million pounds (\$11 million).

Organisers were staggered by the gambling fever stirred up by the launch of Britain's first lottery since 1826. "It has been astonishing," said a spokesman for the organisers, Camelot, who expect it to become the world's biggest.

Ever since tickets went on sale on Monday gamblers, enticed by glitzy "It could be you" advertisements, queued up to buy tickets for last night's inaugural draw on live television.

The programme was expected to attract Britain's biggest ever television audience.

Officials say they expect three or four winners to share the first jackpot. They may opt to remain anonymous.

Organisers have a flock of legal and financial experts on hand to help them cope with what psychologist Alan Wise has warned will be the mumbing shock of becoming millionaires. (Reuters)

"The brain won't be able to take it in immediately," he said. "The best thing is to sit down, have a cup of tea, and contain yourself."

More than 15 million people have now bought tickets. The jackpot is already three times higher than originally forecast. If no one wins, the prize will be rolled over until next week.

Prime Minister John Major bought the first ticket when sales began with a firework display at the Tower of London. He has promised to give any winnings to charity.

The oldest gambler in Britain was 100-year-old Violet Clayton who told reporters: "If I win, I'll take a holiday in Wales. That would be nice."

Joe Larter spent 8,000 pounds (\$12,580) on lottery tickets in the hope of raising enough cash to finish work on the Norwich Playhouse, in eastern England.

Twenty-eight percent of lottery winnings are going to good causes — charities, the arts, heritage, sports and a special fund set up to celebrate the year 2000.

Bookmakers William Hill, who tap into British gambling fever with annual betting bonuses on the Grand National and Derby horse races, put the odds of winning at 14 million to one.

Mitterrand bids emotional farewell to party

LIEVIN (Reuters) — President Francois Mitterrand yesterday made a symbolic appearance on the fringes of a special Socialist Party congress launching the search for the person it hopes will succeed him next year.

With just months to go before the end of his 14-year rule as France's first Socialist President, the ailing Mitterrand, 78, bade an emotional farewell to the party he brought to power and issued a strong call for a left-wing victory next spring.

The warmth of the welcome in the depressed mining community of Lievin in northern France was like a return to the hushings.

Dropping his presidential reserve, Mitterrand told a packed and enthusiastic audience in the local town hall

that he did not want to intervene in the party's debate over "the name of the person who will carry your colors, our colors" in April.

Congress organisers hope the gathering will rally support behind outgoing European Commission President Jacques Delors, a potential Socialist candidate who has yet to decide on whether to run in the two-stage presidential poll on April 23 and May 7.

Mitterrand also used the occasion to take a swipe at France's conservative prime minister and presidential hopeful, Edouard Balladur: "I heard someone I see often say the other day 'Don't elect a third Socialist'. This is not scripture."

"Elect whoever you want to

elect...it would be better than the contrary," he said to thunderous applause, using a typically sphinx-like way of endorsing a leftist candidate.

Mitterrand avoided the weekend congress itself but, as planned, he attended a ceremony in Lievin marking the 20th anniversary of a coal mining disaster in which 42 people died.

In doing so, he broke with a tradition that he created. Anxious to foster a presidential image above the political fray, he has until this weekend been careful during his time in office to give a wide berth to party conferences.

As a result, congress debates were frozen for the occasion, and Mitterrand stole the show with his two speeches before party militants and its establishment, including two of his former prime ministers, Pierre Mauroy and Laurent Fabius.

A debate on social policy was cut short to hear his rousing addresses —

in the Lievin town hall and under grey skies at the open-air miners' memorial ceremony.

Looking pale but in strong form despite two operations for prostate cancer, Mitterrand said: "Dear friends, be successful in your tasks. You will not recover the ground that has been lost in one blow."

"I have come to say 'Good luck'. Fight courageously because you will not be spared any attacks," he said. The party was trounced by the right at a general election in 1993.

Brushing off charges that his visit to Lievin was incompatible with his post as a head of state above the political fray, Mitterrand said a president was "at home everywhere the French labor and suffer."

He could hardly have found a more sympathetic audience. Asked if the town of red-brick housing and disused mines had been in Socialist hands since the Second World War, one elderly local official answered: "I've never known it any other way."

US Jews oppose rethink on 'coercive' school prayers

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE standard joke is that as long as students have to take tests, there will be prayers in American public schools.

However, many of the so-called mainstream American Jewish groups say, that type of individual, voluntary prayer is the only kind that can be permitted in the schools.

"There's a huge furor over school prayer that has never died down" — since the US Supreme Court ruled 30 years ago that organized prayer in schools is unconstitutional — said Richard Foltin, legislative director of the American Jewish Committee in Washington.

School prayer jumped to the top of the American Jewish agenda again this week when President Clinton, at a news conference in Jakarta, where he was on an official visit, said that he has always favored voluntary prayer in school and that he thinks "there is room" to construct a way of promoting voluntary, non-coercive prayer in schools.

In what was seen as a conciliatory gesture to Republicans, who take control of Congress in January, Clinton said he would consider working with Congress on a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary school prayer.

After a storm of protest, aides were reported as saying that Clinton was not considering a constitutional amendment, but legislation that would promote a "neutral moment of reflection."

The US Supreme Court has also ruled that moments of silence for prayer were unconstitutional, but it left the door open to "completely neutral moments of silence that are

not advertised as time for prayer," the Washington Post quoted Clinton's aides as saying.

The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith were among those who protested Clinton's statement. Both have come out vehemently against any kind of organized school prayer.

They also say that such prayer is unnecessary, given the protections in the US Constitution of individual, voluntary prayer.

There are two clauses on religion in the Constitution, one enshrining the free exercise of religion and another that bars the government from establishing religion.

When a specific time is slotted for prayer or when a school authorizes prayer, that is coercion, the two Jewish groups said.

Such activities have the effect of forcing a student to participate in an activity the student may not want and that might harm or embarrass a member of a minority religion.

"Not coercing someone into this activity is a fundamental American value," Foltin said.

"Once there is institutional involvement, it's no longer voluntary. The moment the school sets aside a time for prayer, it has a coercive effect, even if the school doesn't write the prayer."

At Agudath Israel of America, the philosophy on school prayer is more nuanced.

David Zwiebel, the general counsel, said that, in general, so long as there are guarantees that prayer is "absolutely voluntary and non-denominational, we probably would not oppose it."

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Have laptop, will travel – to an archeological dig

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

I won't be long before laptop computers become as necessary on an archeological dig as pickaxes, brushes and buckets.

Computers are already used on the 10 largest digs here to document and even reconstruct finds, and Jordanian and Egyptian archeologists are also beginning to use them. Now archeologists in the three countries are interested in sharing information from their digs and establishing a centralized archeological data base for the region.

"I take my Toshiba laptop everywhere with me," said Dr. Roni Reich, an archeologist and director of the documentation unit at the Israel Antiquities Authority. "The authority has a large central data base, some 150 to 200 personal computers and a number of laptops for on-the-scene information gathering and documentation."

Reich said the authority's Excavator 2001 Program is an integral part of the digs in Caesarea, Beit Guvrin, Beit She'an and seven other locations. "The law requires us to publish our discoveries in the authority's official gazette, and this is easy using computers," he said.

Computerization has enabled Israelis to produce a detailed bibliography of local digs. "We can provide historical information, [details of] who participated in digs and what they found," said Reich, who is involved in work at the Dung Gate near the Western Wall.

"We would be glad to share some of this information with archeologists around the world through computer networks. We will soon be connected to Internet," he said.

Reich and Asher Yuval, managing director of Methoda Computers Ltd. (which provides software systems for archeologists), recently participated in a Worldnet Dialogue linking Washington, Jerusalem, Amman and Cairo by satellite. The special program was hosted here by the American Cultural Center in Jerusalem. Reich and Yuval, as well as archeological and computer experts in Egypt and Jordan, put questions to Geoffrey Bilder, an analyst at Brown University's Scholarly Technology



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Group in Rhode Island.

Bilder's organization is a research-and-development group that supports the use of technology in the humanities.

He has published papers on computing and archeology, and networked communication among scholars. Two years ago, he was asked to direct the planning and

implementation of computer methodologies for Brown University's excavation of the Great Temple in Petra. Since every bit of artifact must be

registered and cataloged, using handheld computers to enter data significantly reduces the paperwork, Bilder said. Before these devices were used, archeologists had to spend many hours trans-

forming notes taken down on paper into computer data; this sometimes resulted in transcription errors, which are now eliminated. It also allows the instant transfer of data about finds from the hand-held devices to larger computers that link archeologists in a single country or around the world.

Bilder said that advanced computers and digital photography will soon allow archeologists to take a pottery shard and have its form, color and dimensions registered in the memory. The computer will then be able to piece the various shards together on screen to create a whole vessel.

As for the problem of standardization, Bilder noted that the "Text Inventory Initiative," which standardized scientific texts, could also serve as a model for archeologists to create a standard archeological "language." He urged archeologists in the Middle East to get together and work on such an initiative. This, he said, could help archeologists correlate findings, artifacts and analyses from regional sites, thus protecting the region's treasures and enriching its historical heritage for many generations.

Excavators at the University of Jordan complained on the program that they are not connected to Internet and do not even have electronic-mail links. This, they said, was a handicap, because they could not exchange information on line with other professionals.

When Jordanian archeologists offered to establish a central data base for the region in Amman, Bilder noted that, in the age of computers, an actual physical site in one place was not mandatory. It could be established in the form of a computer network.

Noting that Israel is at peace with Egypt and Jordan, Reich invited his Arab counterparts to meet here to discuss the possibility of establishing an archeology data base.

"It should be in the region, and not in Washington," he said, adding that the Brown University archeologists were welcome to participate. Nothing was settled during the program, but Reich said that contacts are continuing to bring about such a meeting.

New column answers the why question

DID you ever wonder why the earth rotates, why a fresh egg takes longer to cook than an older one, why Duralex glasses break into a thousand pieces when they fall...?

Readers who seek scientific explanations for day-to-day phenomena now have someone to ask. We will choose the most in-

TELL ME WHY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

teresting questions and ask experts in the universities for an explanation. Their replies will appear monthly in the TELL ME WHY column.

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Lupine seeds can clog the system

EATING too many lupine seeds – a popular snack among vegetarians that is sold in open-air markets – can cause serious intestinal blockages in children.

A case involving a seven-year-old boy who was rushed to Sieff Hospital in Safed with abdominal pains is reported in *Harufim*.

Bezors, the medical term for substances that clog the intestines, are known to include swallowed bubble gum, hair and persimmon. Drs. Germaine Tsini and Amram Hadary of the hospital's surgical department have added an item to that list after operating on a patient who ate the seeds, called *turnus* in Hebrew.

A scan of his intestinal system showed a major obstruction. He told doctors he had eaten a large number of lupine seeds. Surgeons found a hard bezoar, 5 cm. long and composed of the seeds; the sides of the intestine seemed glued to it. The obstruction was removed and the boy recovered.

The authors are not certain why these seeds caused the blockage, but it may be due to alkaloids in

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them that makes them stick together. They urge doctors presented with intestinal blockages in children who have never undergone surgery before to consider this possibility, and in any case to find out the cause and "aggressively" deal with the case as quickly as possible.

IN-UTERO TRANSFUSION

Ha'emek Hospital doctors in Afula successfully replaced the blood of a 20-week-old fetus in utero who had Rh-positive blood that was being destroyed by its mother's Rh-minus blood. The result was a healthy baby girl born recently at Laniado Hospital.

The 42-year-old mother, who had five previous births and one miscarriage, went to Laniado a few months ago. Two of her problematic pregnancies involved a fetus that had a blood factor different from her own. The baby that survived underwent a complete

blood exchange after his birth. Dr. Shlomo Bullwick, head of Laniado's hematology department, referred her to Ha'emek, where two experts – Dr. Eliezer Shalev and Dr. Ehud Weiner – knew how to exchange fetal blood while it was inside the uterus.

This procedure is carried out only on rare occasions in a handful of hospitals here. Usually, the blood-factor conflict appears only in a woman's third or subsequent baby, and in most cases the blood can be exchanged after birth.

At 20 weeks, doctors found the fetus had only 40 grams of hemoglobin per liter (the norm is 200 grams) and was suffering from a serious lack of oxygen. Guided by ultrasound, the doctors inserted a catheter through the mother's abdomen into the umbilical cord and gave the fetus a transfusion. This was carried out once every two weeks until delivery.

It wasn't easy, because whenever they inserted the catheter, the fetus moved to each side as if to avoid treatment. The baby needed additional transfusions after birth, but is now fine.

A Mac primer with all the trimmings

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

ABOUT 90 percent of personal computers are PC compatibles. Barring a few oddities here and there, the rest of them are Apple Macintoshes – the subject of this week's column.

The Macintosh was introduced in 1978, and was then a real revolution. It didn't behave like a computer (some people say it still doesn't). It grained at you when you turned it on and didn't confront you with an intimidating and unhelpful command-line prompt as did the IBM PCs of those days.

It was a completely graphically operated computer thrust into a text-based computing world. It came in a tiny case containing a nine-inch black-and-white monitor, a single-button mouse and extremely easy-to-use software.

The original Macintosh was equipped with the Intel 68000 microprocessor, which was more or less as powerful as an Intel 8086. Later models have used the more powerful 68020, 68030, and 68040 processors, while last year Apple introduced the first systems based around a totally new – and incompatible – microprocessor called the Power PC.

Compatibility with the earlier models is achieved through software emulation, which means that software written for the earlier Macs runs at about the same speed it did on the earlier models, and only software specially written for the Power PC takes advantage of its full strength and speed.

(Tests have shown, by the way, that the first generation Power PC processors are approximately

equivalent in speed to the Intel Pentium.)

Ten years later the Mac – it is the only computer with a nickname – is still with us, and more or less going strong.

It has been through several incarnations. The Mac II of the late 1980s came with more powerful microprocessors and – for the first time – color monitors. Later models, such as the Quadra series, had even more powerful processors.

In fact, the proliferation of models was one of the chief problems with the Macintosh line. Until recently, Apple changed models with wild abandon; some models were produced for only a few weeks. Some of the different models were extremely similar, making an Apple catalog a difficult document to understand.

Things seem to have calmed down recently, and there are two main Macintosh lines – the LC series and the Power Mac. The LC series, the latest model of which is called the LC 475, is a (relatively) low-cost desktop computer, typically with 4 MB of RAM and an 80 MB hard disk in a tiny flat case which offers very little room for expansion.

It is aimed at the home and small-business markets, with the emphasis on non-graphical applications, as it comes with a 14-inch monitor as standard. The Power Mac is Apple's flagship model, based on the Power PC chip, in larger desktop and tower cases,

and with larger monitors.

The Quadra series, some of which are still available, were similar, but based on the 68040 processor. There is also a series of superb portable Macintoshes, called the Power Book line.

So what can you do with a Mac that you can't do with a PC? Skeptics would say nothing at all, especially now, when most of the famous Macintosh applications – such as the Quark Xpress desktop publisher, the Adobe Photoshop graphics processing program, and such drawing programs as Adobe Illustrator – are available on the PC.

PCs also give you more power for your money.

Other popular PC programs – such as Corel Draw, Lotus 1-2-3 and Microsoft Access – are not available for the Mac at all.

Skeptics will also say that any advantage the Mac ever had in the user-interface department has vanished with the continuing development of Microsoft Windows, and even more so, the advent of OS/2.

Mac fans point to the ease with which the Mac can be connected to all kinds of peripherals – laser printers, scanners and professional output devices such as plotters and image setters.

Any Macintosh peripheral can identify itself by name, and the user selects whichever peripheral he wants to use by means of a program called the Chooser.

This kind of convenience has no parallel on the PC, although it might have in the future, when more intelligent expansion systems, such as PCI, and Plug and Play schemes, become the norm.

Macintoshes are also well suited to a networking environment; network ports are built into all models, and configuration is as simple as for all Macintosh peripherals.

The future of the Mac is something of a mystery: Apple has just announced a deal to license the Macintosh operating system to other companies, thereby allowing the production of Macintosh clones for the first time.

The entry of other companies into the market, whose identities are not yet known (one is probably Acer, another may even be IBM), may result in Apple ceasing to produce hardware altogether, and concentrating on software development.

So what really is the Mac? Some would say it is a religion, a computing deity which can effortlessly and cheaply solve any problem you care to throw at it, especially if the previous method was extremely expensive and labor intensive. Others say it's a nonstandard, cutesy computing gimmick that has managed to fool the world into thinking it is easy to use when in fact it often causes more problems than it solves.

The truth, obviously, is somewhere between these two extremes. The Mac is eminently suited to some jobs, such as graphics, desktop publishing and multimedia, and unsuited to others.

Telephone cards go international in Bezek-Sprint enterprise

NEW WORLDS

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

NO longer will someone abroad turn down your request to make an overseas call from his phone because he doesn't want to get stuck with your bill – pre-paid magnetic international dialing cards will soon be available from Bezek.

The first cards were presented free to more than 1,000 participants at the recent Jerusalem Business Conference; the rest of us will soon have a chance to buy them at post offices and eventually at other outlets.

Called *Telehul* (for "call abroad"), the cards are the result of cooperation between Bezek and the US telecommunications company Sprint, which is manufacturing them and providing the computers to make their use possible.

Each card contains a credit for 20 or 40 phone units and can be used from any tone-dialing phone in 31 countries. One can call from a tone telephone here to 31 countries abroad, or between any of these foreign countries.

A 20-unit card costs NIS 42.12 including VAT, and a 40-unit card sells for NIS 84.24. A call from the US to this country for one minute uses up three units; a one-minute call from England to Germany takes five units.

Bezek explains that calls placed between countries other than the US have to be directed first via the Sprint computer in the US, and are therefore more expensive.

The user dials a 10-number code that appears on each card. This informs the Sprint computer, which debits the number of units that are used. The user then dials the number he wants to call abroad, and a voice message will inform him how many units remain to his credit.

HIGH-TECH TICKETS

Paris's Metro commuter-rail network is trying out a high-tech ticketing system on Tuesday using a plastic card in which a microchip, battery and tiny antenna are embedded. The card need never leave one's pocket or purse.

About the size of a credit card but a little thicker, it has been designed for eventual use on the French capital's 2,900 kilometers of bus routes and 201 kilometers of Metro rail lines. The system, developed by the firm of Roland Moreno, is aimed at replacing the paper tickets with magnetic strips that are easily counterfeited.

Also, many commuters avoid paying by simply leaping over the gates. Under the proposed system, Reuter says, if a rider tries to board with an invalid card, the gate will remain closed, an alarm will sound and a red light will flash.



'Telehul,' the international version of 'Telecard,' is decorated with the peace-dove symbol of the Year of Peace Tourism theme.

NO LONGER SCIENCE SHY Studies show that three out of four teenagers are afraid of studying science, believing it too difficult. Now a novel curriculum designed by a Weizmann Institute educator for 15 high schools has shown it can "cure" science shyness.

The new program of studies was created by Dr. Nir Orion of the Rehovot Institute's department of science teaching. He writes about its success in the November issue of the *Journal of Research in Science and Technology Education*. Called Geotop for Non-Science Majors, the program is aimed at 11th- and 12th-graders. Each

Geotop pupil chooses a subject for data collection and analysis; so far, these have ranged from "seasonal changes of the beach and their relation to cliff erosion" to "copper-mining techniques today and in ancient Egypt."

More than 150 social-science pupils or high-school graduates, representing a population of teenagers who usually avoid studying sciences, were studied. Sixty percent said the program made them more involved with the environment, and the same proportion said they used their science knowledge in their daily lives.

A third were studying, or were thinking of studying, sciences at

university. Ninety-nine percent said they would recommend the program to friends and acquaintances.

ALL IS NOT LOST

Registered letters sent in this country and international express mail dispatched abroad will not get lost when a "trace and track" computerized system is put into gear by the Postal Authority.

The authority will spend NIS 60 million on computerization over the next three years, after which services will be "unrecognizably improved," said authority director-general Ran Levin.

The investment will make possible the follow-up of 18 million registered letters sent locally and 90,000 international express letters and packages mailed abroad each year.

Under the trace-and-track system, which has proved successful in a number of countries abroad, a bar code is pasted on the piece of mail. Its path can then be followed electronically along the various stations in the postal network, thereby ensuring that it reaches its destination.

Some 180,000 private post-office boxes in all the postal branches will be computerized as well. These may be leased for short periods, but not for a year at a time. Levin says complaints about mail service will also be collected and assessed by computers to pinpoint problem areas.

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The Gaza riots

WHAT happened on Friday in Gaza was not a Palestinian Authority crackdown on the extremist Islamic forces. The lethal clash was neither prepared in advance nor focused on Islamic strongholds. It began with something that has become routine in Gaza in the past seven years - a demonstration against the authorities accompanied by stone throwing. Gazans have become accustomed to mounting such demonstrations with relative impunity. But unlike the Israeli army, the Palestinian Police responded the way security forces in Arab countries do, and promptly fired into the crowd. The 15 dead and 250 wounded were the inevitable result. No wonder Hamas protesters felt safer attacking the Netzarim army post yesterday. They knew the Israeli soldiers would again do little more than fire into the air and withdraw.

As Israeli and foreign commentators have said, the riots indicate loss of control. Yasser Arafat's claim to represent "the Palestinian people," always questionable, is hardly reinforced by such disturbances. Nor do such riots enhance the government's position. Shaken by Friday's events, it finds itself in the untenable position of blaming Arafat for not suppressing Hamas and Islamic Jihad, while denouncing the violence and chaos such suppression entails. Surely the government did not expect the Palestinian Authority to disarm the Islamic opposition through friendly persuasion. In fact, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres made it clear in an address to Israel's Reform Movement on Thursday that he expected Arafat to emulate David Ben-Gurion's shelling of the *Al-Hana* in 1948. It can be safely assumed now that Arafat's Israeli apologists will use this comparison to justify the Gaza massacre.

But to draw parallels between the Arab war against Israel and Israel's struggle for independence - a favorite exercise among supporters of the Oslo accords - is not only an historic obscen-

ity but an invitation to disillusionment. What is happening in Gaza is a struggle for power between dictatorial movements: the Islamic forces and the PLO. There is no argument between them on the ultimate goal, the disappearance of Israel. But each party believes it should lead the Palestinians in this war, and - not surprisingly - both use "jihad" to describe it. If there is an argument between them, it is over tactics.

The government wants Arafat to win this struggle. But the suggestion Arafat be allowed to import police forces from other Arab countries to help suppress the Islamic militants betrays woeful moral bankruptcy. Leaving aside the security issue involved in introducing troops whose departure Israel may only be able to assure through the use of force, the idea that a democracy can contemplate such a measure is mind-boggling.

If Arafat cannot establish his authority over Hamas and Islamic Jihad, he is obviously not the "sole representative of the Palestinians" but a dictator unwanted by his people. (The extent of the Hamas-Jihad popularity was demonstrated in the general strike yesterday.) That Israel can encourage him to use troops from other dictatorships to put down a large minority, if not a majority of Palestinians is nothing less than a betrayal of democratic principles.

Taking the dictatorial-suppression route is precisely the opposite of what the government should do. It must recognize that it was a mistake to have revived the PLO by embracing it, saving it from a well-deserved demise.

The dictatorial, anti-democratic PLO cannot bring peace. Peace with the Palestinians will be possible only when they become a democratic society. Until then, the best that can be hoped for is ad hoc arrangements - made with local representatives, not with the graduates of Tunis - which will enable Israelis and Palestinians to coexist with as little friction as possible.

A sad departure

DESPITE the assurances of all parties involved that nothing will change, the resignation of Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds is a serious blow to the fragile Northern Ireland peace process, which is still in its infancy. Reynolds was the architect and driving force behind the attempt to end the age-old conflict with Britain over the status of his divided country.

In an ironic twist as Reynolds stepped down, Gerry Adams, the leader of the political wing of the IRA, arrived in London for the first time since a British exclusion order on him was lifted. Reynolds was responsible for the rehabilitation of Adams and his Sinn Féin party as acceptable partners in the peace negotiations. To Reynolds must also go the main credit for the unprecedented cease-fire declared by the IRA as a precondition for Britain reopening the Irish question.

The circumstances of his departure have been sordid - Reynolds had to admit his new appointee as president of the High Court had misled the cabinet and mismanaged a serious child-abuse scandal involving a priest, which had outraged Catholic Ireland. Reynolds was not personally involved in a cover-up but, in true and honorable democratic tradition, accepted the responsibility of his office and quit.

British politicians across the whole Westminster spectrum have been quick to assure the public in Britain and Ireland that the resignation of Reynolds would not be allowed to disrupt the drive to a Northern Ireland solution. It is true that

international settlements are the business of democratic states, not of individuals, in terms of their long-term survival. But the process of negotiating them can and does depend on key figures.

Early hopes for a Northern Ireland settlement in the 1970s ended with the departure of the charismatic Northern Ireland secretary William Whitelaw, who won popularity among the nationalist Irish which was unprecedented for a British politician. Neither was any progress made in the years of a troubled relationship between the tough Margaret Thatcher and the controversial Irish premier Charles Haughey.

The arrival of "two businessmen in gray suits from poor backgrounds" - as Reynolds and Britain's John Major have been characterized - provided the breathing space the Northern Ireland problem needed. The two similar men had become personal friends even before they became prime ministers.

It is only 11 weeks since the Downing Street Declaration of last year yielded a cease-fire by the IRA, followed after a suspicious pause by the pro-British Unionist militias, so it has indeed been fortunate that Reynolds' domestic troubles did not surface sooner. He has been the most internationally visible Irish leader in decades and probably the first well-liked by the British public. The unknown lives he has saved by negotiating the IRA cease-fire have already assured him the gratitude of his people. It must be hoped that a final Irish peace settlement will be his legacy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BLIND ALLEY

Sir, - Like all true Christians, I admire Israel and wish it well both in war and peace.

A Jewish friend who is one of your readers has shown me your recent editorial, "American troops in the Golan." I am indeed gratified that *The Jerusalem Post*, unlike your prime minister, recognizes the dreadful danger inherent in the involvement of American soldiers as "observers," "monitors" or similar-type personnel in any Israel-Syrian agreement.

All the goodwill and "special relationship" that have built up between my country and yours will vanish instantaneously the moment an American GI is struck by a bullet, stray or otherwise, regardless of its origin, a Syrian weapon or an Israeli one.

Though your prime minister has a brilliant military past, his present thinking is anything but brilliant. Forgive me for saying this, but many non-Jewish friends of Israel agree with those American Jewish leaders who believe that Mr. Rabin is leading his fellow Israelis up a blind alley.

Has he forgotten the incident of the *USS Liberty*, which nearly sparked a wave of antisemitism in the United States?

JOHN H. POWELL
Englewood, New Jersey.

Sir, - Like many of my friends who are readers of *The Jerusalem Post* and who are music lovers, I have long since given up reading Mr. Bar-Am's music criticisms concerning Maestro Zubin Mehta's

LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY

Sir, - A letter in the *Post*, "Tourism to Jordan" (November 7) said: "I suggest that they [Galilee Tours] take a long hard look at their organized tour to Jordan before some tragic event takes place." The writer referred to an incident in the Amman souk, implying that the Galilee personnel were irresponsible.

I was particularly interested because we took that tour on another day and I felt that Galilee Tours were not only irresponsible, but actually put us into jeopardy. And we didn't even get to Jordan.

There were 72 of us on two buses going to the border crossing just short of Eilat on November 3. It was the day after a fierce storm had swept away two tourists in the south, and another such storm was predicted for that day. The police in the south told whoever called not to drive through the Arava. All the media announced that the roads were flooded and closed there. A Galilee bus driver leaving for another tour told me: "You'll not make it to Jordan today."

Yet Galilee Tours, ignoring all advice and the concerns of many of us who knew about flash floods, insisted we were going. Moreover, if we did not attempt it with them, we would forfeit our payments (in the case of a couple nearly \$800).

We arrived at the border crossing

at 5:10 after waiting nearly three hours for a flooded road to open which it finally did for a short while.

The border crossing closed at 5, and would remain closed for the next two days, Friday and Saturday, which was normal operating procedure. So, our trip to Jordan was finished. The guides called Tel Aviv and spoke with their managing director. They were told by him to put us all on the buses and drive straight back to Jerusalem. We were all standing there in the dark, tired and hungry, about 12 hours after we had arrived at the tour office that morning, and the managing director of that company wanted to put us all back on the flooded road with the same drivers who had already been in their seats for almost nine hours in difficult conditions - and in the Arava where there are no lights on the road. We did not agree and were told that there was no place for us to stay, no rooms available at all in Eilat, no flights to Jerusalem that evening.

What saved us was that the roads were all closed again. And at that point rooms were found for all of us in Eilat. (There were also flights to Jerusalem, by the way.)

To be fair, I must report that our money was returned, but the bad taste lingers on.

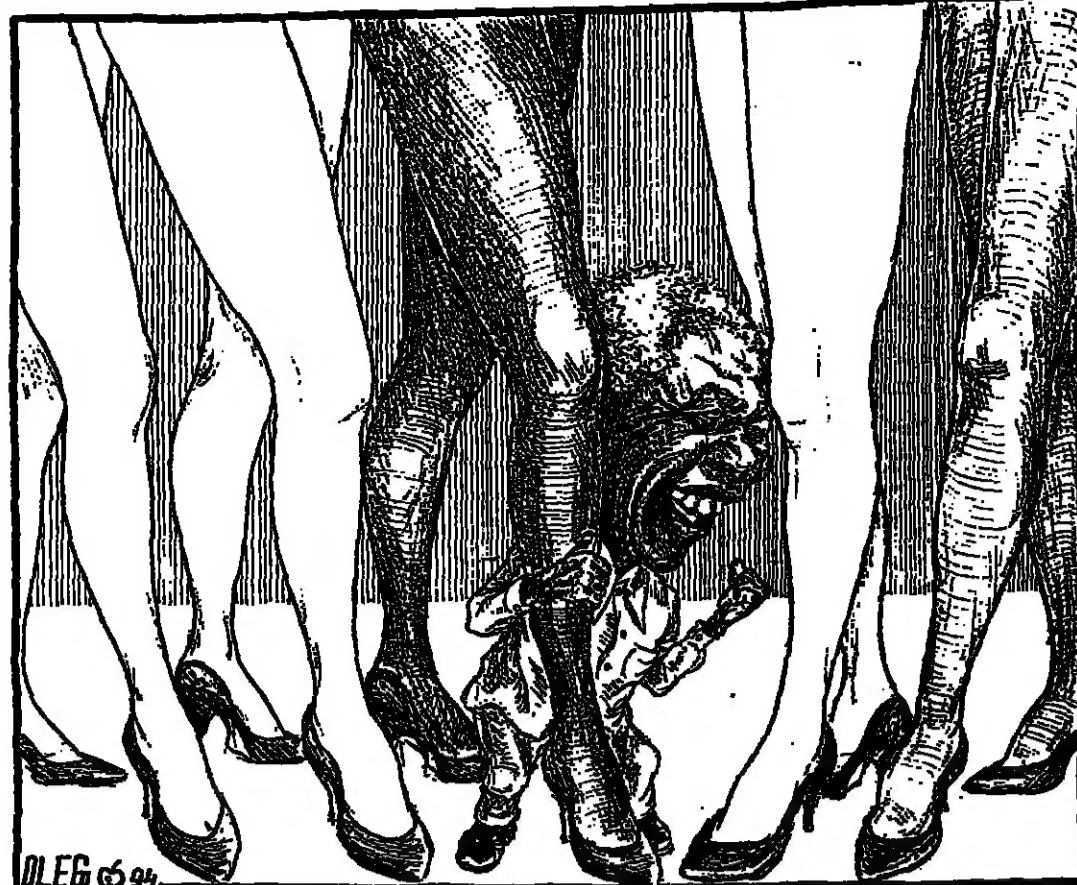
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forgot" concert. However, he again lashed out at Mr. Mehta's choice of program, subjecting us to his apparent vendetta. Rehovot.

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VENDETTA

I did however read his criticism on Jesse Norman's concert, and could not disagree with any of his superlatives used about this "never to be



Prophet before his time

I AM APPALLED at driving conditions here and at the nonchalance with which the public and particularly the government treat the rising toll of road accidents and deaths.

Since the state was founded, over 20,000 people have been killed and about 700,000 injured on the nation's roads. This is far more than from all wars and incidents of enemy violence combined. Yet the general attitude is much as though these deaths had resulted from some cruel supernatural phenomenon beyond human control or comprehension.

Most analyses of our transportation problems have recommended the construction of more and better highways. But proper planning requires an approach that evaluates the interdependence of all elements in a balanced transportation system. This is one that makes effective use of all suitable modes.

A twofold approach is needed to create a safer and more efficient system.

First, a comprehensive undertaking is needed to develop balanced interurban and intra-urban transportation systems. The key consideration in taking advantage of these potentials lies in a careful evaluation of the options now available, including modern light and heavy rail systems, monorail, and various types of automated people movers.

The bicycle is invaluable inside cities. It is successfully utilized in many parts of the world, including Western Europe, where the climate and terrain are generally less favorable than in much of Israel. The cost of providing suitable facilities is nominal, while the economic, environmental, and health benefits are enormous.

The number of cars in Israel is now growing at a rate of 80,000 a year. The number of vehicles per kilometer-lane of roadway is the highest in the world. A reduction to zero or negative vehicle growth rate should be a national objective.

This can be accomplished by the development of a mass public transportation system, using Western Europe and Japan as the models.

Simultaneously, the cost of private automobile ownership should gradually be increased. The cost of gasoline, low in comparison to Europe and Japan, should be raised. Parking regulations should be strictly enforced and overnight parking fees imposed for city streets, as is done in many parts of the world. The value of cars provided by employers should be

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taxed as ordinary income and not treated as merely another perk.

SECOND, AN immediate as well as long-range effort to vastly improve road safety must be made.

Except for the mandatory seat belt law introduced in 1986, some recent regulations seem designed to transfer responsibility for highway safety from the government, where it belongs, to the motorist.

Among these are compulsory air conditioners, mandatory use of headlights during daylight hours

A balanced transport system would save lives and make the movement of people and goods more efficient

and - most bizarre of all - increase of the speed limit on the country's two freeways from 90 kph to 100 kph.

There is no question that fatalities rise with speed. While the time saved on these two short stretches of freeway is of little practical significance, this increase sends the wrong message to drivers. It may result in even more highway deaths.

There are a number of constructive measures the government should take to improve highway safety. Some are already being implemented.

These include the construction of Jersey-type median barriers to prevent head-on collisions; lighting all intersections and interchanges; and, above all, establishing a well-trained, dedicated roadway law enforcement agency, patterned after the California Highway Patrol. This should be an independent group of police officers under the jurisdiction of the Transport Ministry.

Such an agency, with responsibility for all roadways in the country, including city streets, would more than pay for itself in traffic fines. Above all, it would reduce accidents.

I would also recommend setting up mobile truck-weighing stations on interurban highways.

Even though trucks constitute less than 10 percent of vehicles on the roads, they account for some 20 percent of fatalities. Weighing stations would assure that com-

mercial vehicles aren't overloaded, as they now tend to be. Overloaded trucks are a hazard because their braking capability is reduced. They are also a major cause of highway and bridge degradation.

One of the most effective devices ever devised for roadway safety monitors traffic electronically. Such units have been successfully used for a number of years.

These devices can be programmed to photograph vehicles which exceed the speed limit, tailgate, run red lights and stop signs, or fail to stop for pedestrians at crosswalks. The license plate is photographed together with the vehicle, and the driver is cited for the violation by mail.

A MAROM Traffic Monitor, manufactured by the Jerusalem Driver Safety Systems Company, completed a very successful pilot program in Savoyon last year.

The level of punishment for all traffic law violators should be significantly raised by increasing the amount of fines and points, the suspension of licenses, and the impounding of vehicles.

These measures would not only more than help pay for the additional enforcement and reduce accidents; they may actually go some way toward making Israel a more disciplined and law-abiding society.

Over 40 years ago, one farsighted government official had the vision to foresee the impending calamity on Israel's highways at a time when there were as yet very few vehicles. Mordechai Bentov, Israel's first minister of public works, urged the construction of modern fixed guideway links (like monorail or railroads) between Israel's three major cities as the backbone of a balanced national transportation system.

Bentov was a prophet ahead of his time. His proposals were met with derision. As a result, many thousands of Israelis have fallen victim to the violence of highway traffic accidents.

Israel seems intent on duplicating all the US's mistakes in transportation planning, especially in the Los Angeles area, at a time when the Americans are finally making some effort to address them.

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School's out

JOE PISANI

IS nothing sacred in America? Homework was once a hallowed tradition ranking right up there with detention, fraternity, hazing and income tax. It was a milestone in the development of Western Civilization, one of the few remaining ways to inflict pain on youngsters.

Moreover, homework teaches kids skills they'll need to succeed in the real workaday world, such as evading responsibility, cutting corners and plagiarism.

Yet in California an outspoken school board member has come up with a plan to abolish homework, which begs the question: is he getting paid off in baby-sitting dollars? Banning homework has taken on the intensity of other historic social ideals such as: taxation without representation is tyranny, and housework should be shared.

The furor began when Garrett Redmond, a trustee with the Cabrillo Unified School District, introduced a proposal in Half Moon Bay, Calif., to abolish homework because: it puts an unbearable strain on family life; it is unjust, and it wastes too much time. Alas, it destroys home life and favors

Abolish homework? Yes, Californians are talking about it

students whose parents are smart enough to do it for their kids. Add there's a fundamental inequity between poor students and well-to-do students, who can tap into the Internet and CD-ROMs.

Finally, it's a financial burden on the taxpayer, because textbooks get worn out by being carried back and forth to school.

Did I forget anything? Redmond, who belongs to a five-member school board that oversees the education system for 3,500 students in a district stretching 22 km. along the coast south of San Francisco, wasn't joking. His proposal has provoked discussion among students, parents and teachers - not to mention academics, who are never at a loss for an opinion on any topic.

IN REALITY, homework is rarely taken seriously by teachers, parents or students. Every kid knows, including four in my own family, is clamoring to be represented on the local school board so they can draft initiatives to end homework once and for all.

I was therefore astounded by the Half Moon Bay horror stories of students slaving to complete up to six hours' homework a night.

What country is this? Japan? The former Soviet Union? According to the president of the school board, the district's 3,500 students spend some 10,000 hours every night doing homework.

"That's a lot of hours," he concluded sagely.

Redmond said his daughter, who was valedictorian of her eighth-grade class last year, usually spends five hours a night on homework, and those are hours he'd rather she spent with him, even if it means watching TV together.

After all, watching *Melrose Place* or *Married... With Children* will give kids an education they'll never get in the classroom.

Do young people, who already watch dozens of hours of TV a week, need more time to watch even more TV? Did Redmond ever consider giving up some of his TV time to help his daughter with her homework? Helping our children with spelling and arithmetic is about the only interaction some of us have, however volatile.

Don't you love providing adult supervision on social studies and science projects? I can still remember the time my dad helped me build a wind tunnel for the eighth-grade science fair. In a fervent father-son cooperative effort, we almost burned the house down.

When it comes to homework there are two extremes: parents who don't care what their kids do, and parents who do the assignments themselves. Parental assistance can be seen when a second-grader's composition on her summer vacation comes back written in compound-complex sentences, or when a ninth-grader's algebra assignment comes back entirely wrong.

On the other hand, maybe the California proposition deserves serious study.

Banning homework might help overworked and underpaid parents, who are tired of doing their kids' assignments after a day of dealing with a snarling boss or unruly spouse. It might even give them some additional free time, time that could be profitably spent... watching *NYPD Blue*.

(The Greenwich Time)

POSTSCRIPT

A WOMAN had to cancel her own funeral when doctors admitted there had been an X-ray mix-up and she was not dying of lung cancer after all.

Dorothy Cushing, 51, of Birmingham, England, gave away her clothes and jewelry during three months of agonizing chemotherapy which followed the doctors' wrong diagnosis.

"I made my will and had the undertaker around. I contacted the crematorium and told them I wanted my ashes scattered by relations," she said after seeking compensation from the hospital that treated her.

CHILDREN HAVE their own, often brilliantly logical, concepts of death.

The Friedlander family of Rehovot was out on a Shabbat stroll when father Steve noticed a dead cat just ahead, with no way to avoid it. This was a moment he'd long dreaded: how to explain the grim reality to three-year-old Sivan.

But she understood perfectly well. Without missing a beat, she indicated the corpse and said: "Needs new batteries."

Edythe Friedlander

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Divorce is so difficult: what to do with the kids, the house, the furniture? Mostly, what about the ring? Now there's a solution: divorcee Linda Howell watches her wedding ring go flying after bashing it with a sledgehammer in jeweler Lynn Peters's backyard in Albuquerque. Peters then turns the smashed bonds of matrimonial bliss into earrings, pendants, golf-ball markers and the like.

(AP)

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Arafat's Deadly
Double Talk

Conspicuously absent from the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan was the co-winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize, Yasir Arafat. He was absent for good reason: Since this officially certified "man of peace" strongly opposes the peace treaty, no one wanted him there as a spoiler. Indeed, Arafat threatened Israel in words starkly reminiscent of Nasser's war-provoking threat in 1967 to drive the Israelis into the sea. Employing typically ambiguous language, susceptible to differing translations and interpretations, Arafat warned that if the Israelis did not accept Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state, "they can drink Gaza sea water."

Nor can such threats be lightly ignored, coming as they do from a man who has personally ordered the murder of hundreds of innocent babies, women, travelers and diplomats. Lest

Nobel Peace Prize laureate. To the signing of the peace treaty, just like terrorism is a tactic. The time was right for a shift from one tactic to another. Let no person believe, however, that a man with Arafat's murder record has had a moral transformation that is guaranteed to be permanent. If terrorism were once again to be the tactic of choice, there is little doubt that Arafat would quickly embrace it.

Indeed, there is some question whether Arafat has not embraced the terrorism of Hamas as an important component of his own overall strategy. If so, he would not be the first national leader to talk peace while at the same time encouraging those who persist in terrorism. This "good-guy-bad-guy" approach to negotiation is a time-tested variation on the carrot and the stick.

Where does all this leave the United States, Israel and Jordan

"Like most Jews — both Israeli and American — I support the peace process, including the White House agreement. But like most realists, I understand the risks of relying on the hasty conversion of Yasir Arafat from bloody terrorist to Nobel Peace Prize laureate."

There be any doubt about Arafat's personal complicity in mass murder, listen to his own words. He has claimed personal responsibility for every terrorist attack — including those on the school children of Ma-alot and on old men at prayer in Rome and Ankara — conducted by the PLO during their 30-year reign of terror. Indeed, American intelligence agencies have a tape recording of a telephone call during which Arafat personally ordered the execution of a kidnapped American diplomat in the Sudan.

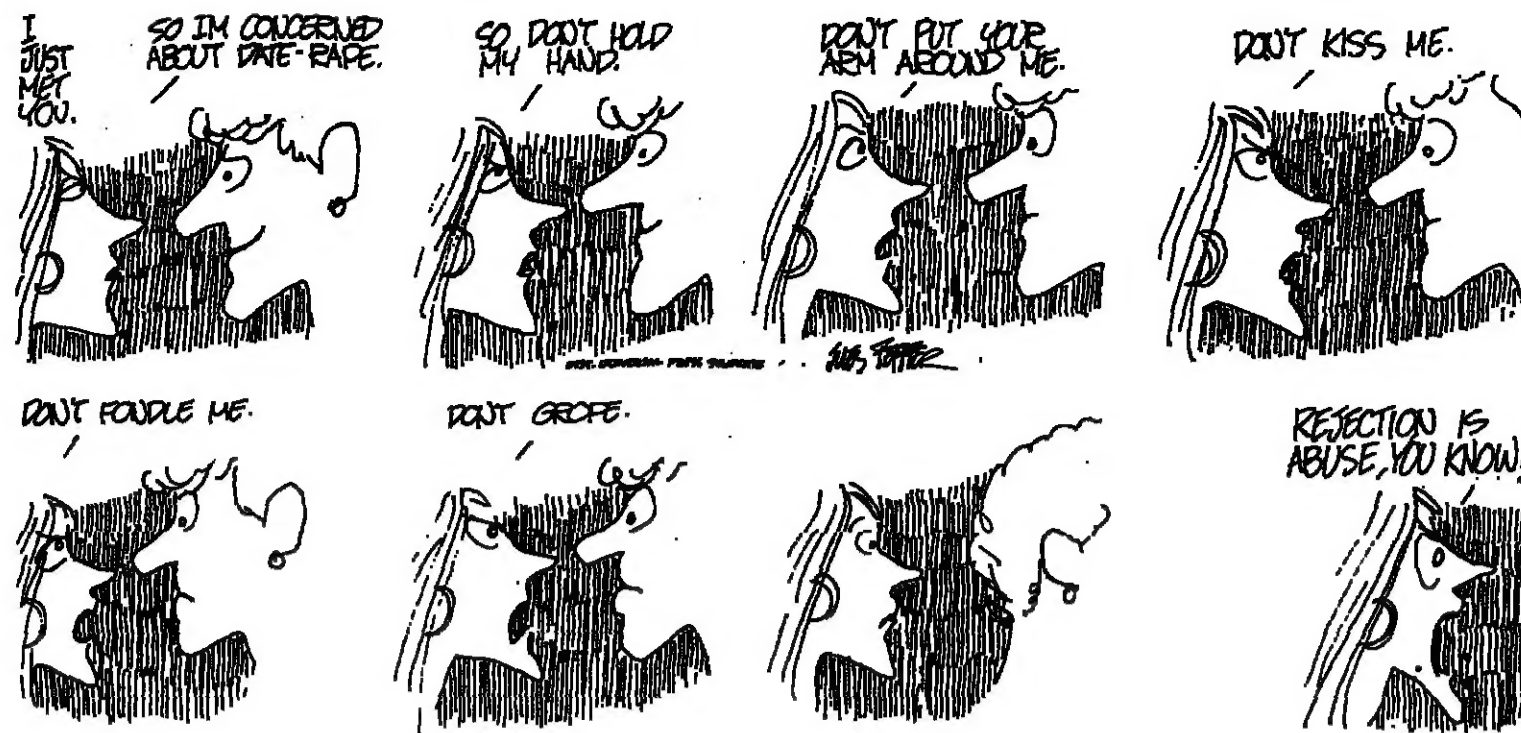
That, of course, was the "old" Arafat, even though the blood has hardly dried on his most recent victims. Now we are assured there is a "new" Arafat, the man who signed the agreement on the White House lawn with Prime Minister Rabin. But there is yet a third Arafat — the hydra-headed hypocrite who speaks conciliatory words out of one side of his mouth to those who want peace, and who speak belligerent and inciting words out of the other side of his mouth to those who still want to drive Israel into the sea. For example, following his meeting with Presidents Clinton and Mubarak, Arafat was asked whether he would choose peace with Israel over the terrorism of Hamas. He responded, "I choose the peace of the brave," which Hamas members will surely understand as an encouragement of their continued terrorism — though nothing is more cowardly than attacks on women and children.

Like most Jews — both Israeli and American — I support the peace process, including the White House agreement. But unlike most realists, I understand the risks of relying on the hasty conversion of Yasir Arafat from bloody terrorist to

in their continuing quest for peace in the Middle East? It leaves them somewhat dependent on extremely unreliable peace partner, who cannot — or will not — crack down on the terrorism of Palestinians who live under his control but who answer to Hamas. Arafat's unwillingness to incur the wrath of Hamas contrasts sharply with David Ben Gurion's aggressive action in 1948 against potential Jewish terrorists within the newly established state of Israel. If Arafat is to assume control over the Palestinian people, he must demonstrate — by tough action and unequivocal words — his determination to shut down the terrorist component within the Palestinian movement. He cannot hide behind the claim that a crackdown on Hamas would endanger his popular standing among his people. Such a claim is tantamount to an admission that terrorism has not been renounced by the majority of Palestinians.

The United States and Israel must insist that Arafat prove that he is willing and able to end Hamas terrorism, such as the recent suicide bombing of a bus in Tel Aviv. He cannot be allowed to get away with mild condemnations delivered in English, coupled with not-so-subtle encouragements delivered in Arabic. The mistake of awarding Arafat the Nobel Peace Prize while he still has fresh blood on his hands must not be compounded by allowing his questionable status as a Nobel laureate to afford him a bully pulpit from which to encourage continued terrorism. The double talk must be replaced by redoubled efforts to end terrorism.

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Cohen and Solomon

Media Blind Spots:
Voting Blocs That Stayed Home

After two years of largely following the advice of media pundits, the Clinton administration and its allies took a drubbing on Election Day.

It should surprise no one that by the time Nov. 8 rolled around, many black Americans lacked enthusiasm for the much-ballyhooed "New Democrats." So did a lot of union members, and the urban poor.

Only in the last days of the '94 campaign did reporters and pundits talk about the importance of the Democratic

base, often referred to as the party's "traditional" constituencies. For the previous 103 weeks, since Bill Clinton won the presidency, journalists commonly depicted those old Democrats as impediments to the new White House team — irrelevant nuisances or "special interests."

These constituencies heard promises of "aid to urban America" and "investment in jobs" from the Clinton campaign in 1992; since then they have been mostly ignored — to the delight of many mainstream pundits.

With a low turnout among traditional Democrats facilitating major Republican triumphs, the vote totals summon up a sobering adage: *Be careful what you ask for; you might get it.* At the urging of influential columnists and inside-the-Beltway media sages, the president has viewed habitual Democratic voters as peripheral to his political calculations. That mindset holds that poor people don't count for much. Neither do strong advocates for labor, or the environment, or civil rights. They're seen as special interests with more lung-power than clout.

To some extent, Bill Clinton courted those groups during the '92 campaign. But as president, his attentions have been focused elsewhere. Just after winning the White House, the president-elect could read in the nation's biggest newsweekly, *Time* magazine, that "Clinton's willingness to move beyond some of the old-time Democratic religion is auspicious. He has spoken eloquently of the need to

redefine liberalism: the language of entitlement and rights and special-interest demands, he says, must give way to talk of responsibilities and duties."

Ever-eager for media accolades as a "moderate," President Clinton has offered little to constituents that gave him huge blocs of votes in November 1992 — including African-Americans, who went 82 percent for the Clinton-Gore ticket and 89 percent for Democrats seeking House seats.

More than any other president in modern times, Clinton has pursued policies expressing contempt for large numbers of people who voted for him. But few media pundits have faulted him for that; they've been too busy urging him on.

The false assumption has been that core supporters have no choice but to vote Democratic. In fact, they do have another choice — to not vote at all — a choice that millions exercised on Nov. 8. As a consequence, many incumbent Democrats read the election results on pink slips.

In inner-city neighborhoods, in union halls, at a wide array of activist gatherings, a hopeful mood about Clinton's ascension to the presidency has given way to much disappointment — and anger.

This election season, a top media cliché — the mad voter — received selective treatment. The press ignored the main concerns of millions of angry Americans who didn't get much ink or air time.

They want universal health care; federal programs to create jobs; employment security, so that workers are protected from losing jobs overnight or having benefits slashed; and changes in the tax structure that would take the burden off the non-rich.

But those angry voters are nearly invisible in the news. On election night, with returns indicating the Republican takeover of Congress, ABC anchor Peter Jennings asked "correspondent" Cokie Roberts to offer advice to Clinton.

Without missing a beat, she replied: "Move to the right!"

Such advice, offered incessantly by leading voices of the so-called "liberal media," is dubious. When the main election issues — as framed by news media and embraced by many Democrats — revolve around which party can imprison or execute the most people (or which party will slash the most taxes and government services), the Republicans have a decided advantage.

After all, if you're looking to get inebriated on simplistic non-solutions, why drink "G.O.P. Lite" when you can have the real thing?

Looking ahead to 1996, speculation about President Clinton's political fortunes focuses on the match-up with the Republican presidential nominee. The assumption is that Clinton's campaign for renomination will be a cakewalk.

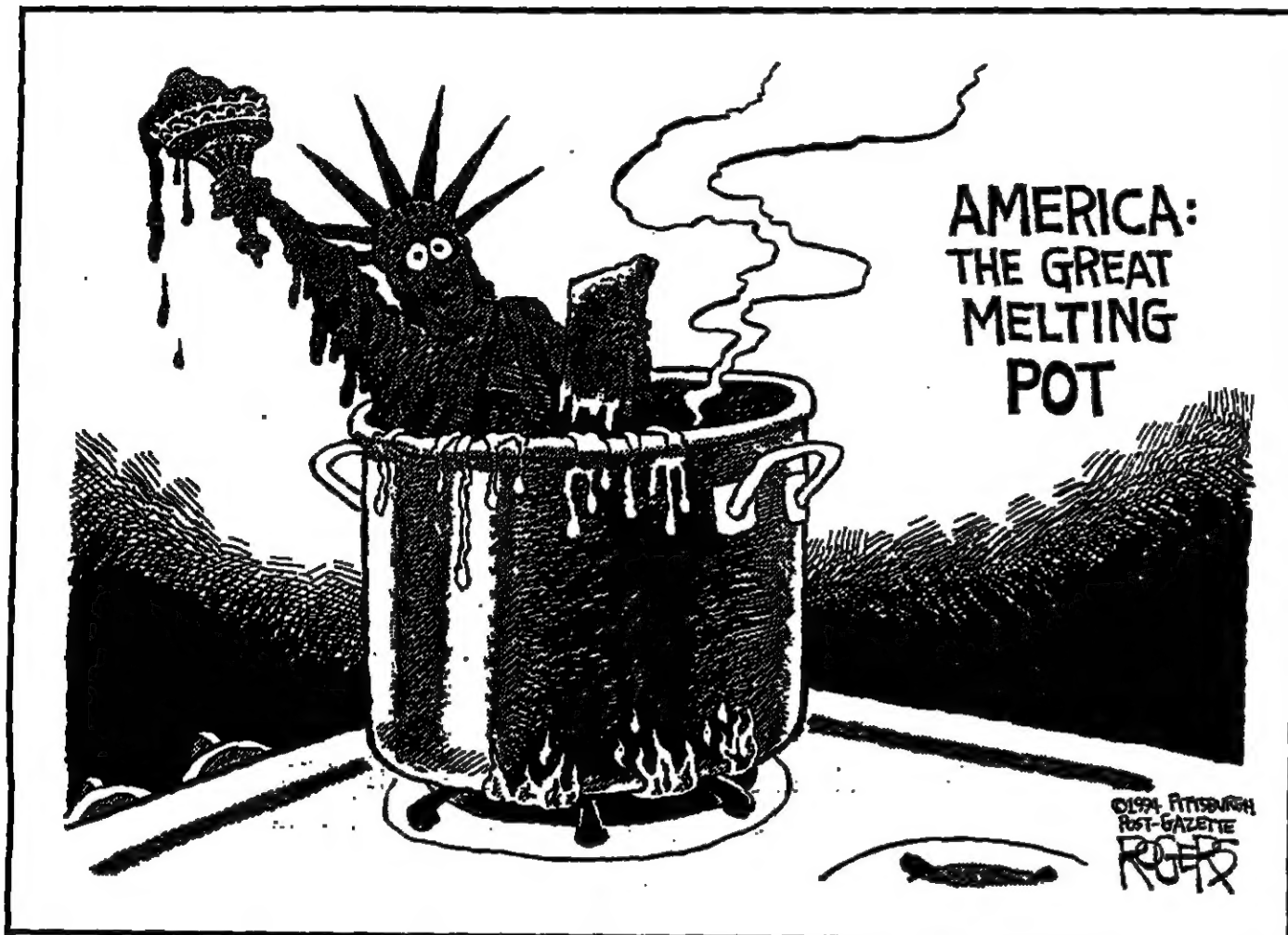
But if Clinton moves further rightward to appease the Republican majority in Congress, a national "Dump Clinton" campaign — coalescing around a candidate such as Jesse Jackson — might resonate with rank-and-file union members, African-Americans and other racial minorities, urban residents, environmentalists, consumer activists and others.

Big media pundits and the president may be the last to notice that Clinton is not the first choice for millions of Democratic voters who see his centrist, pro-corporate proximity to Republicans as a minus, not a plus. And he could discover, too late, that "old Democrats" are part of the future as well as the past.

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An Invention We Didn't Need

High on my list of inventions we'd have been better off without is the telephone answering machine. An answering machine can sometimes be a convenience but there are more negative than positive aspects to owning one.

In the four years since we got ours, we've probably had a thousand messages left while we were "unable to come to the phone right now." At least 200 were click hangups, people who, quite sensibly, didn't want to chat with our machine. Half a dozen were calls from the camera store saying our pictures were ready.

Wrong numbers accounted for 10 percent of the calls. Most of those were for a furniture store with a number a lot like ours. People wanted to know if the couch they were having reupholstered was ready yet. Most of the rest were salesmen, fake charity solicitors or calls from someone in the alumni office asking how much I planned to give this year. A few were from friends. I don't know about your friends but our friends have no idea what to say to a machine. They're as awkward as I am talking to a machine.

"Oh, hello, Marge," they'll say. "This is Linda. I just wanted to tell you that Marly can't play Wednesday because Jim has to go to Cleveland. Call me when you can because maybe we can get Jean. Okay, 'Bye.'"

Life on Earth as we know it would have continued whether Margie got this information or not but information isn't the problem. The problem is, no one knows how to start or finish talking to a machine. "Hello?" "Bye?" Why would you say that to a machine?

The initial messages people program into their machines are always badly done and too long. The opening line, in an unnatural,

wooden voice goes like this: "Hello... You have... reached 698-4703 We... can't... come... to... the... phone... right... now... but... if... you... will... leave... a... brief... message... after... the... beep... we... will... get... back... to... you... as... soon... as... possible."

In the first place, you already know what number you called and it's irritating to waste your time listening while someone gives it to you. The second part of the recorded message, "We cannot come to the phone etc.," is based on the theory that if a burglar called and you said you weren't home, the burglar would come right over. But if you fool the burglar by saying you can't come to the phone, the burglar will think you're in the bathtub and he won't come. I'd like to talk to a burglar about his theory.

There's still a large group of answering machine owners who insist on recording cute messages that callers have to listen to every time they dial the number and no one is home.

Friends of ours had their three children each record part of the message. A fellow I know in Hollywood had a friend who could imitate Ronald Reagan. He recorded the message as if you had called the White House. I haven't called him lately. He probably has someone now who imitates Clinton. Come to think of it, his idea of funny would be to get someone to imitate Hillary or better yet, Chelsea. "Hello, Mommy and Daddy aren't home right now. Daddy's in the Oval Office and Mommy had to go to the Hill."

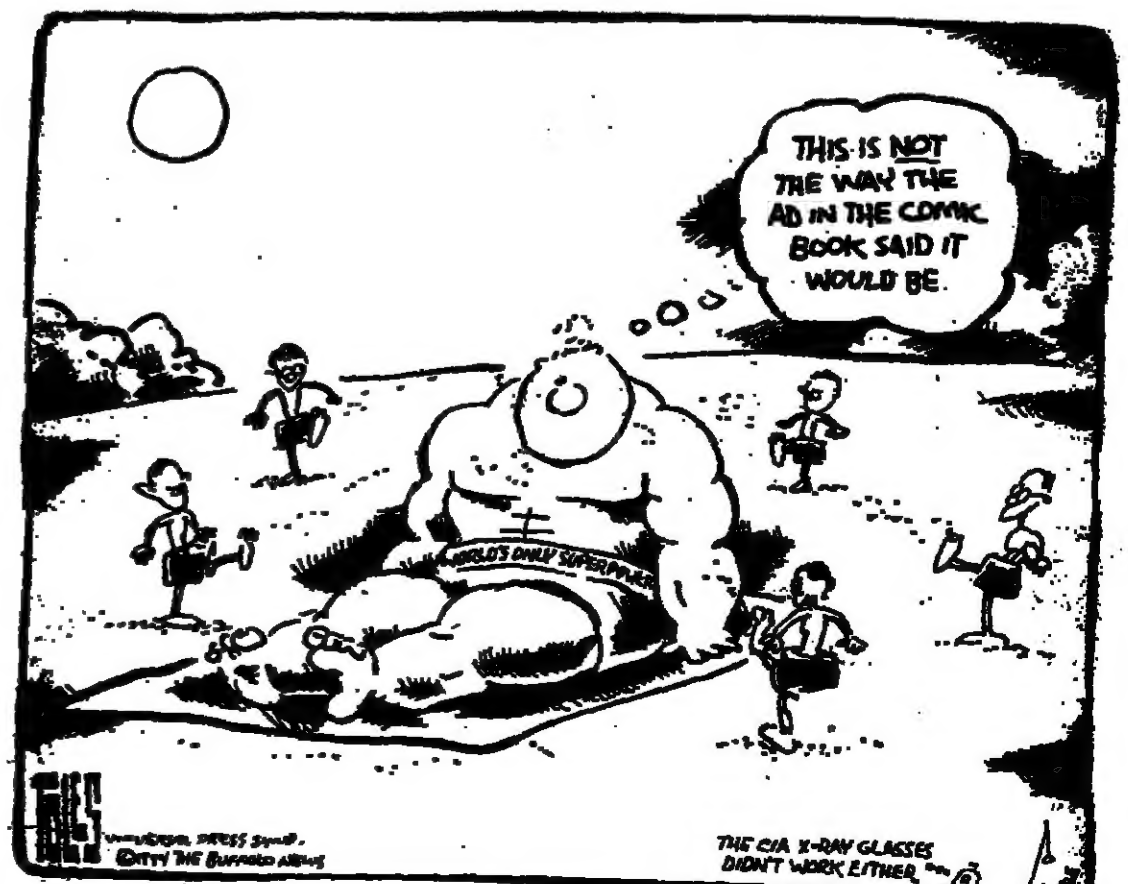
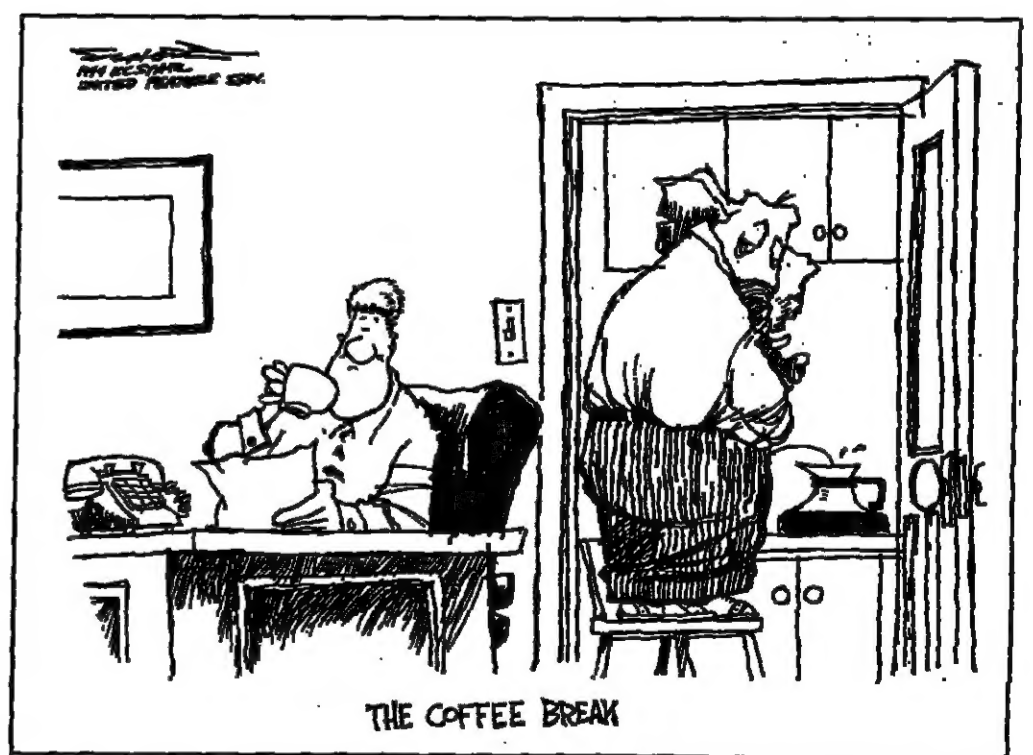
At the very least, funny recorded messages on answering machines should be outlawed by the FCC.

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Sic Transit:

Francisco Duran of Colorado fired more than twenty shots at the White House. Citing threats and lack of funds, Joel Ford of Mississippi dropped a \$45 million lawsuit that claimed the Bible was based on hearsay and biased against blacks and gays. Lawyers for a Texas man accused of murdering two residents of inner-city Fort Worth argued that he was not guilty due to Urban Survival Syndrome, "the fear that black people have of other black people." Russian counterfeiters produced fake banknotes that misspelled the word "Russia," which appears prominently at the top of the bills. British bookmakers Ladbrooks gave nine-to-four odds that Bill Clinton would win re-election. Prosecutors dropped charges against Tayyibah Amatullah, an Islamic woman ticketed in St. Paul for wearing a veil. The World Health Organization voted to destroy the last two repositories of the smallpox virus. Bowling Green University freshman Julia Miller was charged with threatening to shoot her roommate's compact-disc player because it was "a bit of an annoyance." Aldrich Ames admitted to betraying more than 100 U.S. and allied intelligence operations. St. Louis City Councilor Freeman Bosley Sr. launched a petition drive for a referendum to allow the public padding of graffiti artists. Churches in Atlanta and Sacramento held "Hallelujah Nights" as an alternative to Halloween, where children won prizes for the best biblical costume. An Israeli woman applied for a divorce from her husband after he demanded she color and dye her hair like Hillary Clinton's and "lost all control" on hearing the First Lady would visit Israel.

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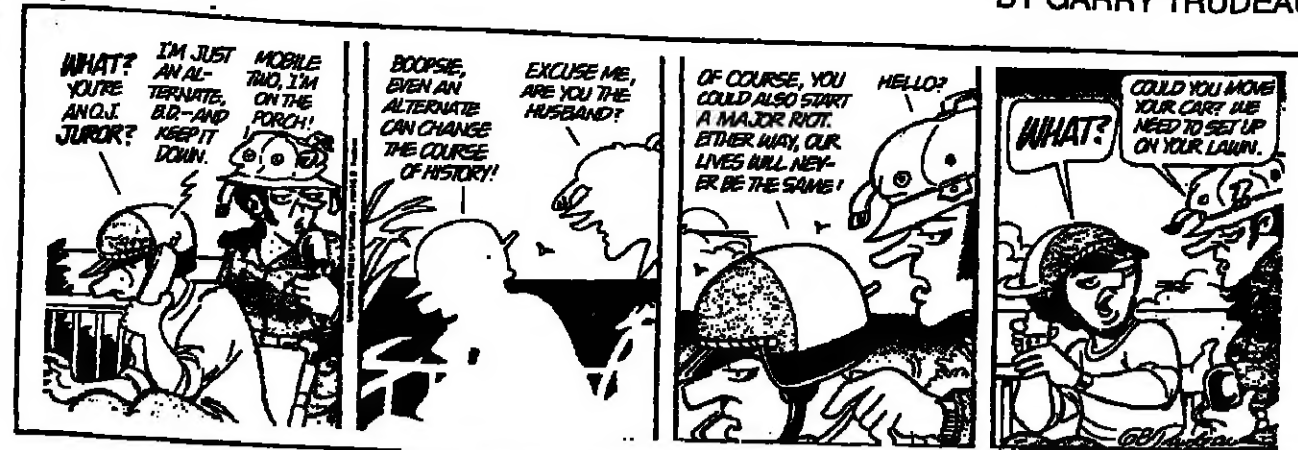
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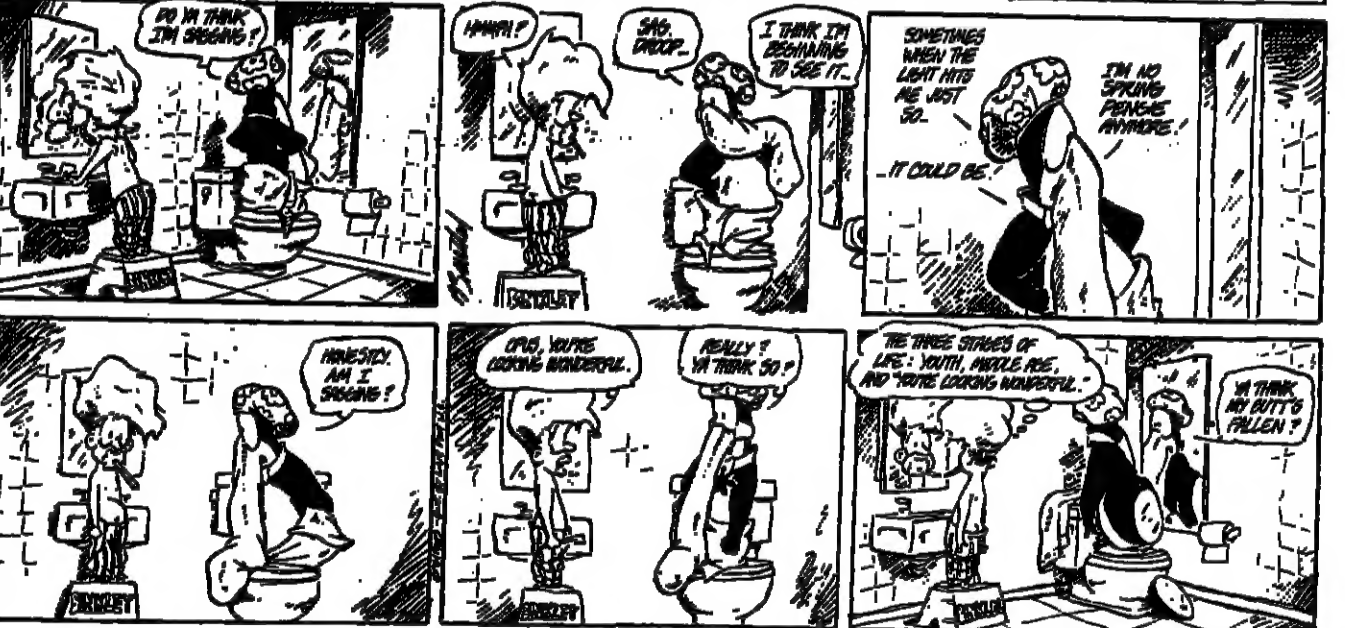
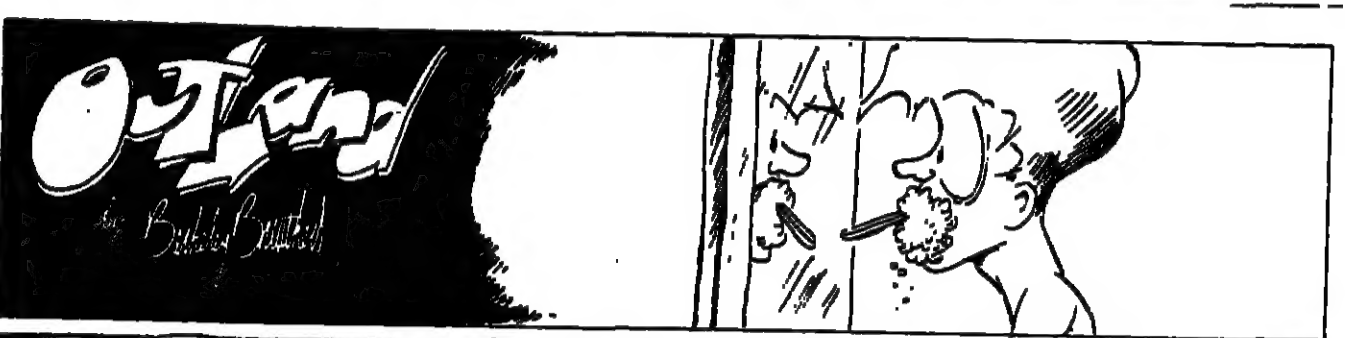
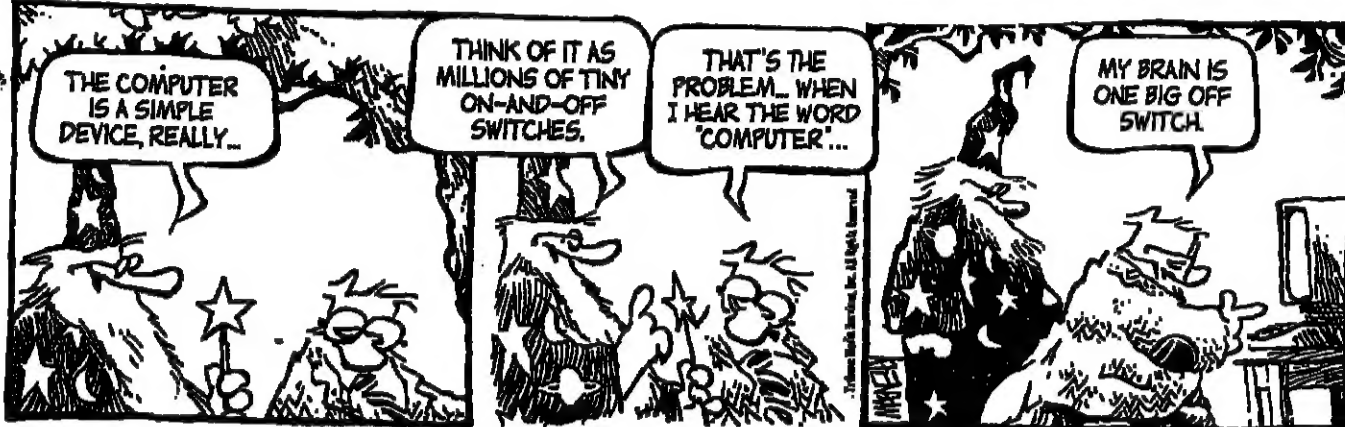
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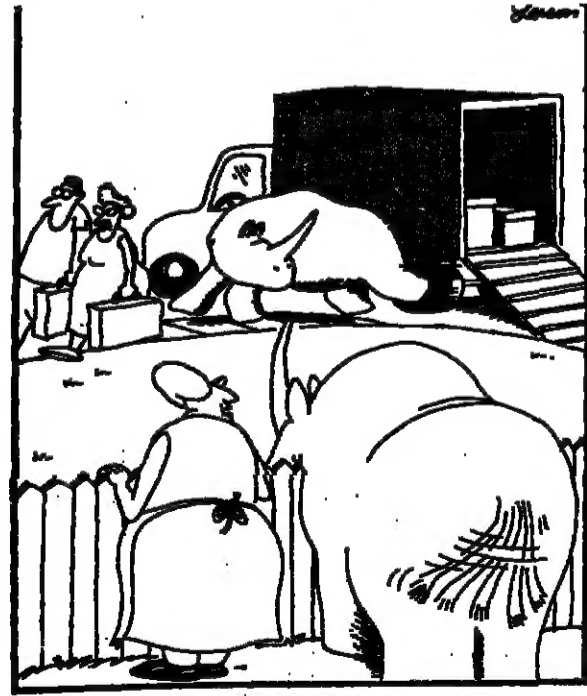
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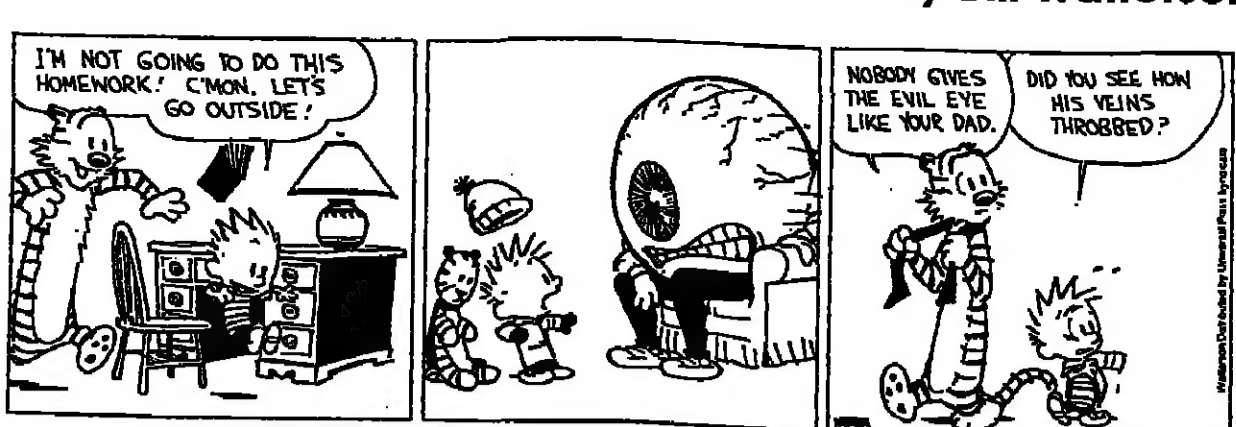
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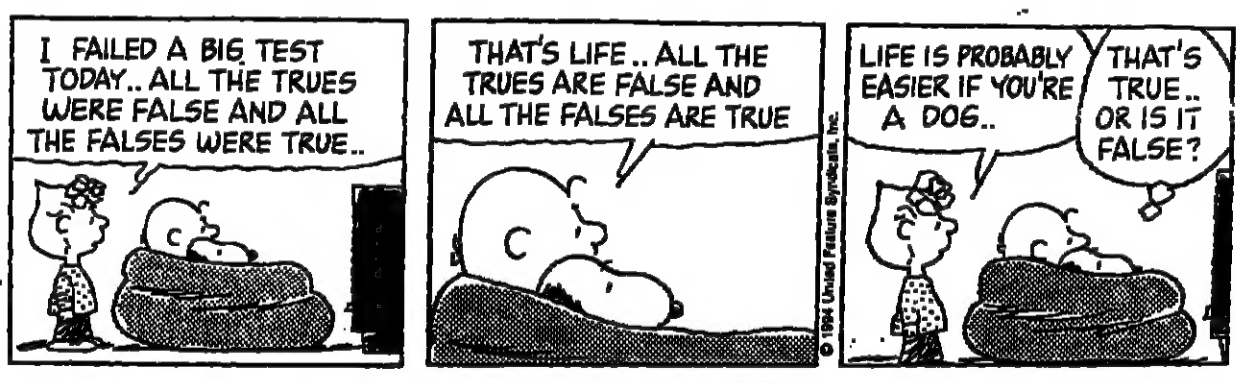
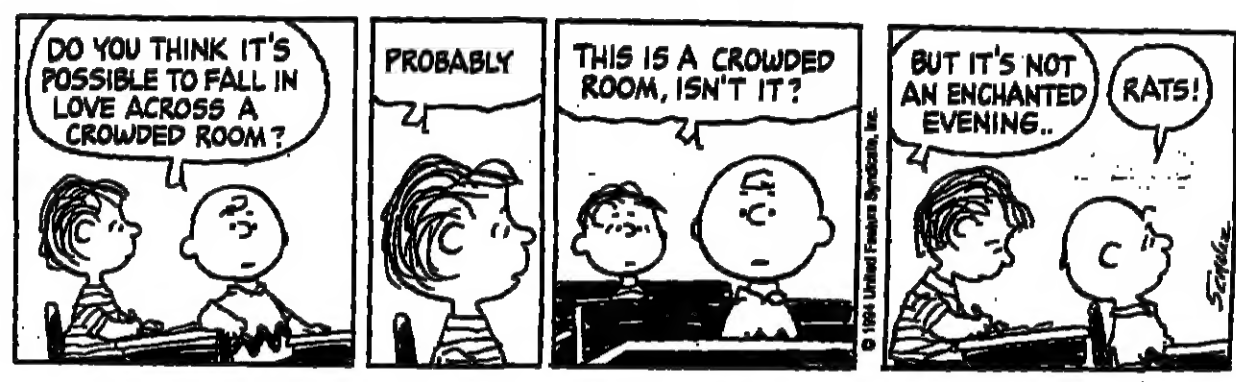
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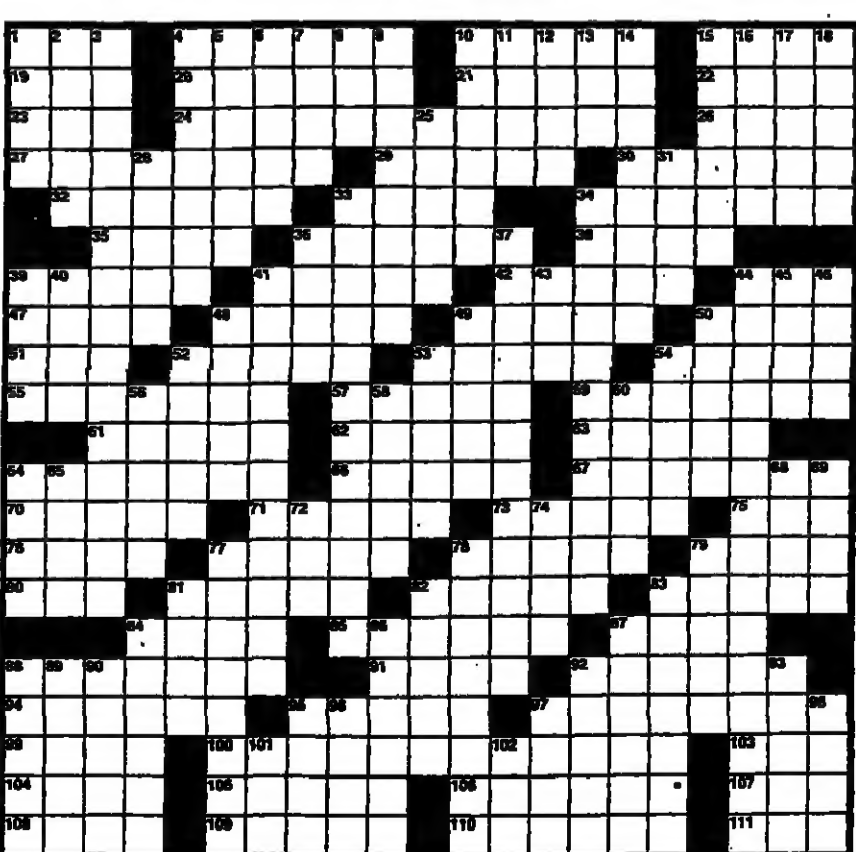
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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

- Edited by Stanley Newman
ROUNDOFF: We promise to play it straight next time
by Dean Niles
- ACROSS
- 1 Part of USDA
 - 4 Customizes
 - 10 Erich or George
 - 15 Prized possessions
 - 19 Bonnet buzzer
 - 20 Tighten a boot
 - 21 Video-game name
 - 22 Oratorio solo
 - 23 Part of SASE
 - 24 Byrds tune of '65
 - 26 Burkina Faso neighbor
 - 27 Let out a notch
 - 29 Attacked, in a way
 - 30 Fairy-tale girl
 - 32 Readiness situations
 - 33 Humongous
 - 34 Woo pitchers
 - 35 Some necklines
 - 36 One-dimensional
 - 38 Spritzer component
 - 39 "___ is a terrible thing to waste"
 - 41 What grouches are out of
 - 42 Debated to
 - 44 Doo- (music style)
 - 47 Less, in music
 - 48 "___ right out of history"
 - 49 Hot spot
 - 50 One of the Everlys
 - 51 Chang's brother
 - 52 Russian pancakes
 - 53 Thus... Zarathustra
 - 54 Start the day
 - 55 Drawing-in process
 - 57 Less familiar
 - 59 Contrived
 - 61 Paid for services
 - 62 Literary device
 - 63 Story-heated
 - 64 Nogoodnik
 - 65 "___ by any other..."
 - 67 In an exaggerated manner
 - 70 Bass' beau
 - 71 OT book
 - 73 Org. cofounded by Du Bois
 - 75 Singer Peoples
 - 76 Picnic playwright
 - 77 Control a cutter
 - 78 Playing marble
 - 79 "___ no kick from champagne"
 - 80 Menlo Park initials
 - 81 Polten grain, essentially
 - 82 More devious
 - 83 When payable
 - 84 Designer label
 - 85 Patti of Broadway
 - 87 Carpenter's main squeeze
 - 88 Pizza Hut rival
 - 91 High dudgeon
 - 92 Risk takers
 - 94 Spotty
 - 95 Low-tech calculators
 - 97 Legendary boxer
 - 99 Give as an example
 - 100 Checkout-counter mag
 - 103 UN agency
 - 104 Gambler's bullets
 - 105 What panacea remedy
 - 106 Falls off
 - 107 Cong. title
 - 108 Tryout
 - 109 Bo or John
 - 110 They may be total
 - 111 Med. ins. co.
 - 1 Second son
 - 2 Salami sauce
 - 3 Credit choice
 - 4 Took in or let out
 - 5 Intimidates
 - 6 Green (bucolic sitcom)
 - 7 Remain unsettled
 - 8 King in a Steve Martin tune
 - 9 Asti
 - 10 Holy places
 - 11 Novel ending
 - 12 Showy trinket
 - 13 Part of ETA
 - 14 Popular pasta
 - 15 Zygote component
 - 16 Terpsichore's sister
 - 17 Roger Bannister, e.g.
 - 18 Jibs and jiggers
 - 25 Tears down flats
 - 28 "___ evil..."
 - 31 Onion product
 - 33 Country dance
 - 34 Office furniture
 - 35 Cash advance
 - 37 Wankee's invention
 - 39 Iowa city
 - 40 Bistro list
 - 41 Political press agents
 - 43 Stir-fry pan
 - 44 Certain Moslem
 - 45 Solne feeder
 - 46 Answered a charge
 - 48 Skin soothers
 - 49 "Sir Patrick" (medieval Scottish ballad)
 - 50 Opening comments
 - 52 William Wharton novel
 - 53 Paint away
 - 54 "Like ___ on a log"
 - 56 Trace of color
 - 58 Fielding blunder
 - 60 "___ against time"
 - 64 Rotisserie skewer
 - 65 Lady Chaplin
 - 68 In ___ (instead)
 - 69 Eucalyptus, down under
 - 72 Part of HRH
 - 74 '58 Pulitzer Prize winner
 - 77 Pampered, in a way
 - 78 Beyond the scope of reasoning
 - 79 Japanese immigrant
 - 81 Trig ratio
 - 82 In one's own world
 - 83 Vacuumed?
 - 84 Free (of)
 - 85 Kazakhstan city
 - 87 Music superstar of the '20s
 - 88 Admission ticket
 - 89 Put aside
 - 90 Apportions
 - 92 Heating channels
 - 93 Nathaniel Hawthorne's home
 - 95 Mideast title
 - 96 Peevishness
 - 97 Sp. ladies
 - 98 Proscribed action
 - 101 Hall, in masses
 - 102 Nigerian native



QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kornbluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: I know that poetry is indispensable, but to what I couldn't say -- Jean Cocteau

David Nyhan

I had a brilliant idea the other day that I would explain this untidy and unhappy off-year election. But I forgot it.

No, wait, it's here, under this pile of papers. This is great. It explains the difference between male and female joggers; why only a certain type of person joins the Dial-Tribe and calls radio talk shows; why it's so hard to do anything sensible about guns; and what my dog taught me while raking leaves. Oh, and something about pro football, too. Still with me? Not nodding off? OK.

Here goes. So I'm out at the end of my driveway raking leaves, with my dog, who's supposed to be a dumb animal, right, and here I am on a glorious Indian Summer Sunday building hand blisters on my rake handle, and he's lying there, saying to himself, "And they call me a dumb animal?" when a man jogged past, with that vacant glassy stare we associate with joggers.

Instantly, Man's Best Friend snapped from pastoral reverie into snarly mode: bristling neck fur, gritting choppers, nasty growls. He didn't relent till Jogger One disappeared around the bend. Jogger Two, a few minutes later, was female. Same dog, same situation, but no aggressive behavior. He was a pussycat, watching idly as she huffed past, un-growled-at.

Hmmm. My hound only growls at men. Women are non-threatening: "No threat here, Big Dave," say the vibes he's giving me. Is this some kind of guy thing? I don't happen to have a testosterone-tester in my barn, so I couldn't take air samples, or do anything terribly scientific. And I have to admit that in the Testosterone Department, my dog is competing without all the original equipment, if you get my drift. He has been altered into that condition perhaps best characterized by my sister, the Irish poet, as "side-saddle tenor."

But there remains some core instinct that makes him riled at any on-jogging male, yet allows him to remain serene in proximity to on-jogging females. Hmmm. What's this have to do with radio talk show callers? Perhaps this:

Talk show diatribes, the hosts, tend to draw callers who are male, frustrated, and angry at blacks, immigrants, liberals, Teddy Kennedy or any Kennedy, welfare mothers, feminists, little girls

My Hound Only Growls at Men



who need hot breakfasts or inoculations from Head Start, and women like Hillary Clinton. Members of what you might call the Dial-Tribe (Dial-Tribers, natch) and their famous fury, have been widely celebrated this election season.

They are really ticked off. Up front, they are angry. Down deep, they are afraid. They maybe voted for Ross Perot last time. They moan that the country is going to hell. They hate the government and long-term liberal politicians. They love long-term conservative politicians. And they wanted to take some scalps on Election Day. Fair enough. That's democracy in action. Maybe mobocracy, too, but hey, everyone only gets one vote.

Anger is what makes them motivated voters, we're told, and they get really

angry when they call radio talk shows. So why is it that so many of the callers are male? Don't their women burn, too? Apparently not. My hunch is that men flog the talk-show phone lines because they feel more threatened than the women, the supposedly weaker sex.

It's the males — like my dog — who growl at perceived threats. It's apparently much more important to a male self-image to appear tough and bristling and fang-bared, than it is to most females. This may explain why Texas Gov. Ann Richards beat George Bush the Younger silly among she-women, but trailed with Texas he-men.

It's the men who do the growling, the horn-honking and finger-flipping in traffic, the shoving in line. Women are too sensible to waste time, energy and

gun-gritting that way. Funny how the men find time to sit on hold waiting for Billy-Bob to pick up on Line Two. Men, let's admit it, are desperately insecure about how tough they are. They need to exhibit strong, macho, threatening behavior, or they feel weak and puny and un-self-actualized.

So they call talk shows and rant. And they buy guns. Oh yes, they do. They buy weapons to beat the band. They get all quivery and weepy when someone comes along and says, "Say, Ralphie, do you think it might be a good idea if we didn't have 200 million guns loose in America, where all those kids and criminals can get hold of 'em?"

No way, Jose. The gun lobby cranks up old Charlton Heston, and Moses-the-Movie motivates around the landscape,

summoning Biblical visions of famine and plague if guns are in any way restricted. There's another link between talk-shows and guns. Both enable people to shoot from ambush. No risk entailed.

A man venting on a talk show does not have to confront his enemy. "Leo from Schenectady" is anonymous, distant, protected. He doesn't risk getting sassed back. It's always an uneven fight, with the Rush Limbaugh wannabe kicking the target in the rear end, while the caller is castigating the absent target on long-distance rates.

A gun works the same way. It's a cheap, handy way to bully someone else at no risk. You've got the drop on the other guy, he can't hang up on you, right? Or you plug 'im.

The gun makers used to give their firearms names to conjure with: The Peacemaker. The Equalizer. Old Reliable. And my new favorite: The Streetsweeper. Buy this hunk of blued steel, checked wood handles and brass-cased ammo, and you're The Boss! You're The Man! You're Top Dog. Just like getting the green light on Rush Limbaugh's never-ending show. Famous for, oh, maybe 90 seconds. Hey, it'll have to do.

The same emotion that drives gun-buying spurs talk-show callers' fear. They are acting out their fears, that guns will be taken, that they'll have no weapon, that the blacks or browns or gays or women will somehow take something that Mr. Insecure can't afford to give up. Like, his manhood. His self-image. His Tough-Guy rep.

I'm almost done here. I think that's everything. Wait — what does this have to do with pro football? Just this. Mike Ditka, a certified tough guy, says quarterbacks, the most skilled and valuable players, will continue to be whacked silly, until the rule-makers take face masks off helmets. Let's see those pass rushers try and spear QB's with their helmets if there's no face mask the attacker can hide behind, says Iron Mike. That's my point: When you take the risk out of the equation, a certain kind of guy goes wild. And hurts someone.

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Robert Wright

The Inner Cynic

During a recent roundtable discussion on "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour," a commentator spent a few moments pondering whether the popular attitude toward Washington is best described as "hatred" or "loathing." This is one of several signs that analysis of this year's official election theme — "cynical and angry electorate" — has reached a point where additional nuance would be of meager value. For purposes of punditry, this well is about dry. Still, there are no signs that the mid-term elections will cathartically dispel America's discontent. Like it or not, President Clinton will spend the next two years trying to lead a cynical and angry electorate. That's how he spent the past two years, and he never mastered the task. Can he do better? Here is a four-step self-help plan for the president.

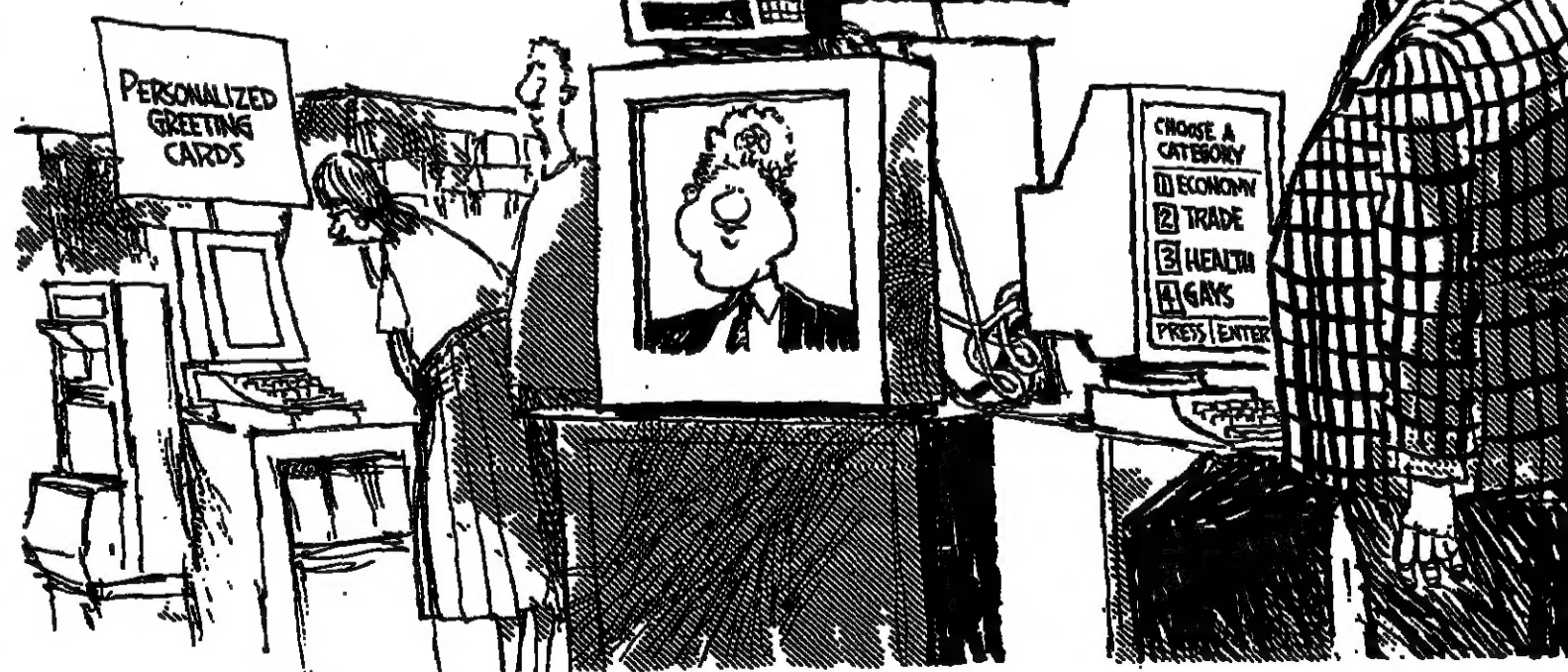
1. Get in touch with your inner self: recognize that you and your kind are scum. Almost all politicians are, as charged, phony and dishonest, willing to jettison principle and embrace untruth to preserve or advance their place in the hierarchy. This has been the case at least since the dawn of recorded history and the voters' recognition of it is welcome evidence of budding enlightenment. What's unwelcome is their failure to see that they're roughly as bad as the average politician. According to science's current understanding of evolution, all human beings are designed by natural selection to be unprincipled (if unknowingly) in pursuing status. All of us have let down a friend or a cause, or talked out of both sides of our mouth in order to become or remain popular, to get a promotion or to hang on to a job. Politicians are just in the unenviable position of having their status threatened massively and regularly, having the outcomes hinge on their answers to a zillion questions, and having the answers recorded.

There is a second sense in which voters, unbeknownst to them, are the very things they hate. As some (latey The Economist) have pointed out, the dishonest contortions politicians go through are just an attempt to please the electorate. That this often disserves the public good — and produces, say, a chronic budget deficit — is ultimately because interest groups (that is, voters) refuse to sacrifice, even when they might benefit in the long-run.

2. Confront your co-dependency. Though all human beings are desperate to be liked, Clinton, as has been amply noted, is more so. His fierce reluctance to tell anyone "No," his habit of portraying even obvious debacles as successes — both boil down to an acute intolerance of even momentary losses of esteem. That these self-destructive

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habits may be only an amplified form of the basic Homo sapien plan for social advancement doesn't help. However deeply human Clinton's social impulses, they're not working.

3. Know your social environment. One reason deeply human impulses aren't a good guide to living is that we're not living in the sort of stone-age society for which the impulses were designed. We're in the TV era — and more specifically, the Letterman epoch. The working, often apt, assumption is that everything any politician does is phony. Facile self-promotion doesn't work the way it used to.

Consider Clinton's attempt to make lemonade out of his lemon of a visit to Syria. His claim of "significant progress" didn't come close to surviving the scrutiny of pundits. Clinton could have gotten more mileage out of admitting his grave disappointment, even giving President Assad a mild dressing down. He would have looked tough and honest. Of course, in times as cynical as these,

even a strategy of tough honesty can be depicted as, well, a strategy. ("Striving to shake his image as a Pollyanna. President Clinton today...") Indeed, it's increasingly hard to imagine utterances that, no matter how heartfelt and true, wouldn't be received cynically.

There are two options. One is to do things so irrational as to defy cynical deconstruction. ("President Clinton, in a move that aides were at a loss to explain, today placed a Whoopie Cushion in the chair of Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad.") This is not a viable strategy. Hence Plan B.

4. Become a Cynic. I don't mean the kind of cynic the average voter is. I mean a cynic like Diogenes. Cynicism's founding father. The roots of Cynicism lie less in suspicion of others than in suspicion of self. The Cynics realized that the obsession with social esteem is the enemy of truth and principle. (Though, contrary to current evolutionary thought, they considered this corrupting influence artificial, and

the rational pursuit of truth "natural.") The Cynic's prescription was asceticism — not just skipping the Big Macs, but eschewing all concern with public approval. The idea was to doggedly not care what anybody thinks.

As if this social asceticism wouldn't be challenge enough for someone like Clinton, step two of the Cynics' prescription was to walk around loudly telling the unpleasant truths that asceticism had freed them to perceive — including, especially, truths about the falseness of everyday life. As Cynicism authority I.G. Kidd put it, the Cynic "was the 'watchdog of mankind' to bark at illusion, the 'surgeon' whose knife sliced the cancer of cant from the minds of others." This is how Cynicism, though in its self-denial akin to Buddhism, got a reputation for being cynical; it was a life of self-suspicion, yes, but the suspicion was secondarily trained on everyone else too — and the results were broadcast, much to the public's discomfort.

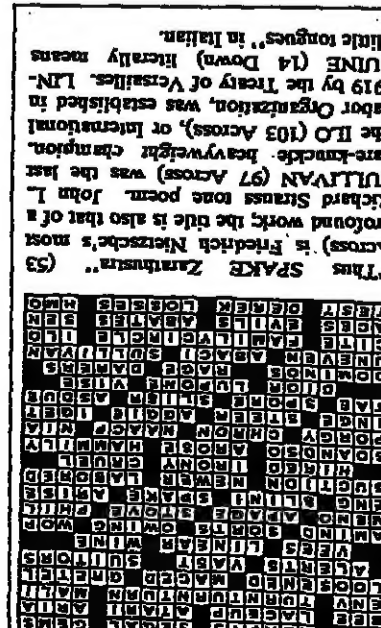
Okay, go ahead, laugh: Bill Clinton as a Buddhist with an attitude. But shifting into a mode of searing and unselfconscious honesty, combatting brutal earnestness, may at this point be the only way to reclaim his presidency from the cynical spin of the times. And it would be so refreshing! Just imagine: the notorious Alice Rivlin memo gets leaked and rather than have an urgent spin-control consultation and methodically decide to betray Rivlin, Clinton just calls a press conference to explain that she's right. This would be part of the larger truth that a Cynical Clinton could drive home on a regular basis: what voters are ultimately cynical and angry about is themselves; if they can't stomach, say, the Rivlin memo, then they're no better than the politicians they rightly abhor.

And if the voters don't like this message, screw 'em. There's a real chance they actually would end up liking it, but the point is that this effect will depend on a non-cynical spin, and thus on Clinton's convincing himself that he really doesn't care. Feeling impolitic may be the only good political strategy left.

Of course, it may not work. Diogenes wasn't a popular guy. (Plato called him "Socrates gone mad.") But there's always posterity. Two-and-a-half millennia after he lived, Diogenes still gets talked about. At the rate things are going, how long will Bill Clinton be remembered? Two years of a Clinton who told the American people that they ultimately hate themselves would get a bigger place in the history books than eight years of the Clinton voters have grown to know and loathe.

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Inbred can be best

HEADS 'N' TAILS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE almost universal taboo against human incest has caused many people to draw the erroneous conclusion that all inbreeding results in defective offspring.

The concerned owner of a pedigree dog recently wrote me about her show-quality animal with championship-winning parents. The owner read the pedigree and saw that the sire and the dam had the same grandsire and granddam.

Other repetitions in the pedigree showed that the dog's progenitors were related. The owner asked whether this kind of relationship would be harmful and produce degenerate animals.

When operating a breeding program, one generally wants to draw from a wide-based gene pool. The breeder selects animals that are unrelated genetically to lessen the possibility of offspring inheriting the same unwanted characteristics from both parents.

But when truly superior stock is involved, a breeder often wants to narrow the gene pool by breeding genetically related animals in order to increase the probability of the offspring inheriting desired characteristics from both parents.

With pedigree dogs and cats, racehorses, extremely high-producing milk cows and goats, or even superior meat-producing farm animals, a considerable amount of inbreeding has taken place.

While inbreeding can result in inferior stock by replicating undesirable genes in the offspring, that happens only when there are a number of undesirable genes present.

By the same token, inbreeding can result in superior stock when the animals bred are largely carriers of highly desirable genes.

Human inbreeding can lead to defective offspring. This would also happen in animals if the inbreeding were done at random and all sorts of defective animals were inbred.

But in carefully structured animal-breeding programs, there is a great deal of selection for stock as near perfect as possible before the inbreeding starts.

The results are therefore far more positive. In any case, if any defective animal offspring are produced, the breeder simply destroys them.

These principles hold true if a breeder has a firm background in genetics and carefully monitors the breeding program.

Inadvertent or inadequately planned and monitored inbreeding has in many cases produced offspring of a decidedly inferior quality. This has happened in certain breeds of dogs and cats and also in farm livestock.

One has to remember that genetic inheritance is somewhat like a roulette wheel. If you want to play the odds, it's best to know exactly what you are doing.



Parents should structure a colicky baby's day according to the child's internal clock, European researchers advise. (Sarit Uziel)

Quelling the squall of colic

SANDRA EVANS

THE baby's been fed, burped, changed, held, cuddled, rocked, patted, thumped, carried, bounced, swung, danced, talked to, cooed to, sung to — everything but chloroformed — and she still won't stop crying.

About this point, bleary-eyed parents are ready to take their trembling, exhausted bodies to the nearest window and hurl themselves out.

No one has yet found a quick cure for excessive crying in infants, also called colic, but researchers are finding ways to keep it down.

A new study from Europe reports on the successful use of "behavior-management" techniques that structure a baby's day into a routine that reduces crying.

In the September issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, researchers propose that one low-cost way of helping mothers of colicky babies is over-the-phone counseling in some simple behavior-management techniques.

A baby's endless crying is more than just an irritant. It can have a profound impact on parents or other caretakers and may affect the way the infant is treated. The

new study cited evidence that excessive crying can lead to an early end to breast-feeding, frequent formula changes, poor mother-infant interaction and bonding, and physical abuse.

"With new infants particularly, [crying] would be a key stressor for parents," said Joy Byers, director of public awareness at the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse. "A lot of it is simply that parents don't know what to do with a baby that cries and cries."

Why some babies are colicky and others aren't is still unclear.

Colic is defined as at least three hours a day of irritability, fussing and crying for more than three days a week during the first three or four months of life, in an infant who is otherwise healthy and well-fed.

William B. Carey, director of behavioral pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, said in a commentary accompanying the study that some children appear to be predisposed to be more irritable, sensitive and intense.

One popular theory blames colic on allergies to cow's milk, but this is unproven and would affect only a small number of colicky

babies if true, he said. Drug treatments have not proved helpful or have unacceptable side effects.

THE BEHAVIOR-management techniques supported by the study involved developing a clear daily routine of eating, sleeping, outings and play time suited to the baby's internal clock.

Parents were taught to observe the infant carefully to interpret signals and respond to the child's real needs. After 3½ months,

mothers who tried the recommended techniques reported a greater reduction in crying time among their babies, especially in the evenings, than mothers who were simply given sympathetic ears or no counseling at all.

The babies in the study started out crying an average of about six hours a day. For the behavior-management group, the amount of crying was cut in half.

Babies in the other groups reduced crying by somewhat more than a third. (The Washington Post)

Many ways to calm a crier

THE behavioral-management steps used by European counselors to help a colicky baby were:

- mapping out detailed patterns of the baby's crying and sleeping, the caretaking routine (such as regular feeding, sleep and play times) and the amount and type of social stimulation.
- interviewing caretakers about their strategies to deal with the crying.
- setting up a plan that included a daily routine for eating, sleeping, outings and play times.

Caretakers were also advised to

reduce any overstimulation of the infant, such as constant rocking or carrying, and increase social interactions, such as play activities, when appropriate.

Parents were taught to discern when the baby was crying from hunger, so other crying could be handled without feedings.

They also were instructed not to intervene immediately when the baby cried but to give the child one to two minutes to fret.

That would help the child acquire skills for controlling his behavior. (The Washington Post)

My happy little soccer champ and his field

KISHON'S KEYHOLE

EPHRAIM KISHON

SOME time ago I brought my son Rafi a football field from abroad. This is a splendid sort of toy, not too different from the thing Tel Aviv's long-haired youth play with at the beach-front cafes.

There's this green board with a goal at either end and a number of rods that cross the board breadth-wise, each with a number of red or green wooden doll players attached to it. You turn a rod and your dolls head the small wooden ball towards your opponent's goal to gladden the heart of young and old alike. It's a delightful game, specially devised to develop a noble competitive spirit in your child and educate him towards true sportsmanship, as it says on the box.

Rafi took to it at sight. I admit that in the beginning he was remarkably clumsy at playing it, but it soon turned out that he had no aptitude for mini-football whatsoever. The child draws nicely and multiplies fractions in his head without any trouble, but as far as his two hands are concerned he shows extreme leftist tendencies. It's not that he doesn't twist the rods. He twists them, but the ball always goes off in every direction except the goal. I'm not unduly worried — the child draws such wonderful pictures in his exercise books that the teacher doesn't believe I made them, and he's only seven after all, and very lively for his age, so there.

The trouble is that our little butterfly-fingers has a strong sense of winniness. Whenever he pits himself against his classmates and is dealt another crushing defeat, his face turns as red as his dolls and big tears splash down.

The worst of it is, you see, that Rafi is passionately keen on the game, so much so that he's even christened his own team: the forwards are called Pele, the goalie Franko, and all the rest are Fuchs. In view of the defeatist mood that has come over Rafi lately, and with good reason, he now refuses to play with anyone except me.

What annoys me even more is that while we are engaged in noble competition, he keeps sending me mute looks, as if imploring me to "Lose, Daddy, lose!" I consider that rather unfair. What the hell, I don't want to lose, either! Let him

bloody well play better! At his age I was already trapping fully-grown insects in matchboxes and taking whole alarm clocks apart....

I tried logic to make him see it my way: "I'm big," I reasoned, "and you're little, right?"

"Uh-huh."

"What would you think of a daddy who was licked by his own little boy? Think such a daddy was any good?"

"Nope."

"Then why do you get so miserable when I lick you?"

"Because," said Rafi between sobs, "I want to win!"

Here his mother intervened: "Do let him beat you once, for heaven's sake," she whispered in my ear, "just to give him back his self-respect. You never know

what damage to his ego...."

I made a superhuman effort to save Rafi's ego. Every time one of his Peles aimed a kick at my goal I pulled my goalie politely out of the way, just to give my poor misfit a chance to score at least one point over me, dammit!

But no!

At multiplying fractions he's good, very good even, but I guess he'll never manage to kick anything except his heels.

As a last resort, I decided to take do-it-yourself measures and give myself a goal. I spun my green center-forward's rod and — whoom! — the ball hit my crossbar — bounded back — cold sweat broke out all over me — and the ball rolled slowly and inexorably into Rafi's goal.

There now, he was blubbering again! Not only that, but the excited child swept up the entire field, goals, players and all, and dashed it furiously to the ground. "You're doing it on purpose!"

I picked up the game tenderly and saw that three of my green dolls had lost their heads. "Now you've gone and broken your toy," I pointed out gloomily. "My team won't be able to even touch the ball without heads."

"Never mind," thus my flesh-and-blood, "let's carry on anyhow."

And sure enough, as soon as we resumed our match the pace picked up. I turned and turned my beheaded players and it's as if they simply weren't there at all.

The ball passes from Fuchs to

Pele, from Pele I to Pele II, and at last — I raise the other end of the table a bit to make it slant my way — at last — hallelujah! — the ball is in.

"Ho, ho!" shouted Rafi, delirious with triumph — "Goal! 1-0! Ho, ho! I licked you! Three cheers for Israel! Yippee! Ho, ho!"

Next morning all the players of my team were decapitated. I did that. For the sake of my eldest son's ego and general happiness.

Since then I only twiddle the rods, but my midgets haven't a chance, whereas Rafi just kicks and kicks with unobstructed abandon till he scores a goal or two by mistake.

His chin is up again, his voice rings clear, and his bearing has grown slightly aggressive. Last week we played a whole series. We called it "The Psychological Cup Matches."

Translated by Miriam Arad

A Jewish poet unaware of his own Jewishness

THERE AND THEN

SRAYA SHAPIRO

IN their attempt to clear Heinrich (Chaim) Heine of the blemish of his superfluous conversion to Christianity, pedagogue Yehuda Eloni and poet Shlomo Tanny have set out to show how important his Jewishness was to the great German poet.

They go so far as to list practically every reference Heine ever made to his Jewish heritage.

Eloni is chairman of Israel's Heinrich Heine Society; Tanny has published a Hebrew translation of a great chunk of Heine's verse.

Their *Vekaddish Hem Lo Yagidu* ("They'll Say No Prayer For My Soul"; Reshafim, 250 pp.) contains innumerable references to Heine's belonging to the Jews, from his youth in Germany to his last agonizing days in Paris.

The German poet's Jewish world, assert Eloni and Tanny, "cries out" from his oeuvre. Heine was born at the end of the 18th century — probably in 1799, but the exact year is not clear — in Düsseldorf, which, when it was briefly ruled by Napoleon, granted civil rights to the Jews. Heine's teachers at school were mainly Catholic priests. He was trained to be a bank teller, but showed no enthusiasm for the work.

Later, when his rich uncle Salomon opened a small business for him, Heine made a botch of it. For years he hoped to get a part of his uncle's inheritance, but failed despite a protracted court action. Though he became a prominent German poet and essayist, he was destined to be short of money all his life.

IN 1825, Heine converted to Christianity, hoping that this would clear the way to a government post. The conversion proved to be in vain.

Two years earlier Heine had written rather snappishly to a friend about the missionaries who ran the firm "God, Christ and Co." Their promissory notes on philosophy bounce, he wrote. "The final demise of Christianity appears clearer to me day by day."

Heine mocked Reform Jews for imitating Christian churches — "they are inspired by comedians and just replace old trappings with new...."

Religion, generally, did not excite him: It was just "an idea," and one that was as old and nasty "as a bug in a Polish Jew's bed."

Answering the letter of another friend, Heine confessed that he was "indifferent" towards Jews. "My attachment to Judaism stems only from my deep aversion to Christianity. I, who despise all positive creeds, may one day turn to ultra-Orthodoxy in search of anti-toxin."

AT THE time, it was more than uncomfortable to be a Jew. Only to trusted friends would one brag about one's Jewishness. "Haven't you noticed," Heine wrote to one friend, "that I am a Jewish poet? Between us, I like to refer to our national images." And in a little poem he described a pine tree on a mountain in the cold North, dreaming about a palm "silently mourning solitary by a rocky wall."

In doing research for his "Rabbi Bachrach," Heine read Jewish history. "Turning the pages of this terrible history," he wrote to a friend, he was "overcome with much knowledge and pain." He asked the friend to send him a translation of the Passover stories. And, on another occasion, Heine said he dreamt of his friend leading "a huge Jewish army heading for Jerusalem."



Poet Heinrich Heine crossed cultural lines, but never cut his Jewish connections.

A year after his conversion, he wrote again to this friend: "Now I'm loathed by Christians and Jews alike. I am very sorry I converted.... Isn't it crazy — I was barely baptized when I was abused as a Jew. Only disgusting things have happened to me since."

Many of Heine's closest friends took the conversion road. Heine himself referred to it as the "admission ticket" to cultured European society.

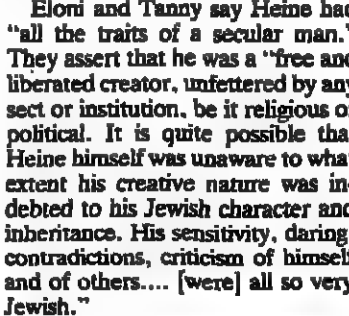
But religion, especially religious rites, held little meaning for young intellectuals. Heine wrote: "The great mission of our time is Emancipation. Not only of the Irish, the Greeks, the Frankfurt Jews, the [people] of ... India and other oppressed people. The reference is to the emancipation of the entire world."

His hero in promoting democracy was Mayer Amschel Rothschild. "He is one of the greatest revolutionaries who established modern democracy," Richelieu, Robespierre and Rothschild were the "three terrorists who caused the gradual downfall of the aristocracy."

Rothschild played a part in the process by substituting shares for land possession. Heine agreed. Otherwise, Heine was not too fond of financiers, particularly not Jewish financiers.

Unlike many Jews who had crossed cultural lines, whether religious or social, Heine did not cut his Jewish connections. "Personally, I like Jews," he said. Replying to Ferdinand Lassalle's plea not to abuse Felix Mendelssohn, the composer, Heine wrote: "I resent his sycophancy towards Christians. I can't forgive the man for being financially independent.... Had I had the [good] fortune to be born the grandson of Moses Mendelssohn, I would certainly not devote my talents to composing music for the lamb's urine."

Eloni and Tanny say Heine had "all the traits of a secular man." They assert that he was a "free and liberated creator, unfettered by any sect or institution, be it religious or political. It is quite possible that Heine himself was unaware to what extent his creative nature was indebted to his Jewish character and inheritance. His sensitivity, daring, contradictions, criticism of himself and of others.... [were] all so very Jewish."



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Flexible

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name	cost	price	yield (%)	1984 (%)	(in millions)
Abr	151.57	150.45	-7.03	-37.40	25.6
Albin Sample	130.25	129.69	-0.06	-23.77	11.8
Abrayco Sample	300.74	300.74	0.00	32.20	10.3
Alco Chemical	500.75	488.03	-2.47	-13.00	182.2
Alco	171.23	168.34	-1.65	-25.78	11.3
Am	181.68	180.47	-0.67	-4.14	4.1
Amco	159.55	159.68	0.08	-39.68	13.0
Amco Sample	184.57	184.57	0.00	-39.68	13.0
Amco 20 year	129.03	129.03	0.00	-39.68	13.0
Babco Sample	2029.84	1987.78	-2.07	-17.80	20.1
Bach Products Sample	67.44	67.44	0.00	-37.35	1.5
Bachco Sample	81.58	81.58	0.00	-37.35	1.5
Donna-Sham Sample	116.58	112.78	-3.09	-10.70	7.7
Endco Sample	170.15	170.15	0.00	-12.12	43.03
Endco 1	121.69	120.47	-1.00	-16.66	21.3
Evergreen Sample	95.57	95.57	0.00	-38.10	7.4
Evergreen 1	200.34	200.34	0.00	-27.31	59.0
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Abramoff state	305.08	300.72	-0.78	+0.57	5.3
Analyst Government Bonds	297.54	292.28	-0.63	+2.08	104.8
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Dolan	741.84	730.80	+0.20	+5.57	1.7
Eggo	704.80	776.09	+0.03	+2.14	25.5
Enbridge	143.87	140.18	-0.54	-1.78	45.6
Good state	359.58	350.35	+0.72	+11.35	317.7
Hack state	341.84	335.11	-1.52		9.0
Liberty share	151.18	150.84	-0.88	+1.78	138.5
Marathon oil	107.10	107.02	+0.07	+0.07	87.0
Midwest	3492.40	3451.02	-1.75	-3.88	223.5
Monmouth state	1210.02	1188.21	-0.27	-0.70	87.5
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Ziv	425.55	429.34	-0.75	-0.29	55.3
Zohar	332.78	347.38	-0.62	-3.55	44.0

Company Bonds

Agas	395.82	\$16.89	-0.08	+1.48	50.5
Altrypal bonds	135.59	132.69			87
Amica	89.91	88.18	-2.80	-13.85	34.9
Amstar	805.49	501.41	-2.40	8.4	161.3
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Bell Flotation bonds	104.41	102.88	-1.06		3.1
Bond	131.90	130.00		-14.27	187.1
Brug	743.57	731.71	-2.35	-7.75	92.14
Evergreen shares	102.55	99.2			
Gay	471.13	434.82		-22.12	128.0
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Kaiser		0.0435		+7.95	60.9
Kohler	312.18		-1.19	-3.50	94.9
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No new leads in Kfar Sava orchard murder

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POLICE as of last night had not come up with any new leads in the murder of an elderly woman found in an orchard in Kfar Sava on Friday. Police initially suspected that Zina Ida Storkovitz, 84, was killed by Palestinians, since a note written in Arabic and left on the body said Hamas was responsible for the murder. But they have not ruled out the possibility that the killing was criminally motivated.

Police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said initially there was a "probable terrorist background" to the slaying, but that criminal motives were also being investigated.

However, police admitted yesterday that they had no leads in either direction.

Dozens of Arabs were arrested after the body was discovered, but were later released.

Storkovitz was found by her son, Alex, who had begun searching for her the previous day when he learned she had failed to return home from a visit to a friend's house on Thursday morning. She had been beaten and hit on the head with something blunt, probably a rock. The murder apparently took place midday Thursday, pathologists said.

Storkovitz, who immigrated her from Russia in 1990, lived with her son and grandson in the town's Hadarim neighborhood. Her family and neighbors reported that she was fully functional, very friendly, and devoted to her grandson.

Police said they do not suspect the son was involved in the murder.

Haredim stone cars after demo to keep capital street open

DOZENS of haredim threw stones at motorists traveling on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday. On Friday, left-wing activists protested there against attempts to close the street.

At about 3 p.m. yesterday, a group of haredim gathered on the street and began throwing stones. When police arrived, the stone-throwers began hurling rocks at them. One policeman was lightly injured in the shoulder.

Among those arrested were two haredi journalists who said they had arrived to cover the events. But police said they did not have press cards and hampered efforts to disperse the crowd.

On Friday, some 150 Labor Party and Meretz activists protested at the Bar-Ilan/Shmuel Hanavi junction.

Hoisting placards reading "We won't let the haredim close the city on Shabbat" and "Stop Olmert: Jerusalem is not for sale," the protesters tried to block the junction several times during the demon-

stration. Police used force to push the protesters back onto the sidewalks, and arrested three demonstrators.

When Shabbat began, the protesters were confronted by dozens of haredim, who yelled back "Shabbos, Shabbos."

At the same time, drivers in cars passing by the demonstration honked their horns in support of the left-wing activists. Police issued tickets to several of the drivers.

Police then asked the protesters to disband, and then arrested some 27 who refused to leave. They were later released.

Ornan Yekutieli, head of Meretz's city council faction, said the haredim were to blame for hurling stones at motorists on the street. He accused Jerusalem police of doing nothing against stone-throwers for the past eight months. "People are afraid to drive on Rehov Bar-Ilan [on Shabbat] because of the stone-throwers," he said. (Iim)

Gov't budgets NIS 120m. for private firms who take steps to fight pollution

LIAT COLLINS and Iim

IN an effort to fight air pollution, the government will allocate NIS 120 million in 1995 to companies to help them clean up their operations, the Environment Ministry announced Friday.

Ministry Director-General Yisrael Peleg, who was speaking at a reception for a Greenpeace ship in Haifa, said a project is now underway to establish a national air pollution monitoring system, which will provide information on specific sources of air pollution.

The system will help the ministry enforce environmental laws, he said.

The Greenpeace ship, *Rainbow Warrior*, will be docked at Haifa Port for the next three days.

Yesterday, the first-ever dolphin census in the Haifa and Acre bays was held with the help of

Greenpeace advisers. The census was the initiative of the Sea Mammal Research and Rescue Center and was carried out by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, Haifa University and the Nature Reserves Authority.

The sea mammal center receives constant reports of sightings and occasionally dead or wounded dolphins are beached. However, no organized research of area dolphins has yet been done.

The need for a survey became apparent after more than a dozen dead dolphins washed up on local shores this year. A veterinarian who did the postmortem examinations found high amounts of lead in the corpses, according to Oz Goffman, a dolphin researcher at the sea mammal center.

SPNI protests bottling plan for Ein Gedi spring water

AMIR ROZENBLIT

THE Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel is demanding that plans to set up a plant to bottle water from the Ein Gedi springs be shelved, unless the government can guarantee an adequate flow of water in the nature reserve.

The plant is to be a joint project of the Jafra soft drink concern and Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

SPNI spokesman Orit Nevo said yesterday that experts believe the reserve is already suffering from overdraw from the area's springs and that where water once flowed all year round, it's now dry most days between May and August.

The SPNI claims that the Water Commission had never set any binding allocations for water in the

Ein Gedi area, in contrast to arrangements prevailing in other areas of the country. It demands that before any commercial project that draws on the water supply is approved, an independent researcher study how much water is needed to preserve the unique plant and animal life in the area.

Once this quantity is determined, "it should not be touched, even if it means a revamping of water allocations in the area. Only after that could a plant to market water even be considered," Nevo said.

She noted that while Kibbutz Ein Gedi is permitted to draw on area spring water for its own use, it had no rights to market to other areas of the country.



A mourner cries over a monument erected in memory of the 22 people killed in the bus bombing on Dizengoff Street, during a memorial service Friday to mark 30 days since the tragedy in Tel Aviv. The monument, designed by sculptor Dan Rapoport, wraps around a tree burned by the explosion. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN call for no nuclear arms in Mideast

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - A UN committee adopted a resolution on Thursday calling on Israel and all other Middle East states that are not yet parties to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty not to develop, produce, test or acquire nuclear weapons and to renounce possession of such weapons.

The vote in the General Assembly's disarmament and international security committee was 55-5, with 82 abstentions. Joining Israel in opposing the resolution, which referred only to Israel by name, were the United States, Argentina, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

German president due here next week

German President Roman Herzog will visit here next week, Herzog's office announced Friday.

Herzog, who became president July 1, will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, President Ezer Weizman and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on December 6-7. AP

Mapam mentor Meir Talmi dies

Meir Talmi, one of Mapam's mentors, died on Friday at Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek. He was 86.

Talmi, who served as head of Kibbutz Ha'artzi from 1965 to 1971, was elected as secretary-general of Mapam in 1972. He served in the eighth and ninth Knesset for Mapam, as deputy chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. He will be buried at the kibbutz at 3 p.m. today.

South Korea and Israel increase cooperation

South Korea and Israel agreed Friday to increase cooperation in the communications field, government officials said. South Korean Communications Minister Yoon Dong-yun and Shulamit Aloni agreed that the two sides should join forces to win development projects in third countries, ministry officials said.

Aloni, who arrived in Seoul on Thursday as part of an Asia tour, is the highest-ranking Israeli official to visit South Korea. AP

Sportoto booth robbed in Bat Yam

Some NIS 20,000 in cash was stolen Friday morning from a Sportoto booth in Bat Yam. Three men threatened the booth's attendant with a knife and a pistol, and ordered her to hand over her proceeds, after which they fled. Police combed the area but as of yesterday had made no arrests. Iim

Flour prices up

Flour prices will rise 8 percent as of today to reflect seasonal increases in the price of imported wheat, the Industry and Trade Ministry announced. Its price division economist Shabtai Levy said the increase will not be followed by a rise in bread prices at the moment. The price of a kilogram of dark flour will now be NIS 1.40; white flour NIS 1.60, and light white flour and semolina, NIS 1.65.

Shohat calms Druse and Circassian heads of local councils - demonstration called off

DAVID RUDGE

DRUSE and Circassian local council heads received assurances from Finance Minister Avraham Shohat last night that their operating and development budgets would be increased, and thus canceled a demonstration that was to have been held in Jerusalem today.

The meeting came after a one-day strike in 13 Druse and Circassian villages closed schools and kindergartens there yesterday.

During the meeting with Shohat last night, the finance minister committed himself to working towards bringing the towns' budgets

in line with those of Jewish development towns, in keeping with decisions made by the previous government in 1991.

Within two weeks, Shohat said, he would submit a plan to raise the towns' development budgets for education, housing, trade and industry, transportation and tourism, within the framework of the 1995 national budget.

The council heads said that within two days, they would present Shohat with a list of recommendations for needed improvements in their towns and villages.

Children's rights group aids Ethiopian immigrants

BATSHEVA TSUR

AN ombudsman for children has taken up the cases of some 80 Ethiopian immigrant youngsters over the past year, in a special program run by Defense for Children International in Israel, DCI director Dr. Philip Veerman said last week. The organization is marking International Children's Rights Day which falls today, November 20, the anniversary of the 1989 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Unlike other organizations that try to help immigrant children, such as the Education Ministry which has an "open line" fielding

primarily school-related complaints, the ombudsman actively looks for children in distress.

"Ethiopian children do not complain easily," Veerman said. "That is why ombudsman Meluh Desai, a former Ethiopian diplomat who studied social work after coming to Israel, is always on the road and spends only one day a week at the children's rights center in Haifa. He constantly visits caravan sites where there are school drop-outs, and boarding schools where

immigrant children have difficulties."

Veerman said DCI was particularly concerned with the lack of integration of Ethiopian youngsters in regular classes. In addition to teaching Ethiopians to stand up for themselves, the group's legal adviser has not hesitated to petition the High Court of Justice on various matters, particularly in cases of family reunification.

He urged the government to adopt a Norwegian-style ombudsman for children who, like Israel's state comptroller, has rights of investigation.

Clalit lab workers to strike Wednesday

JUDY SIEGEL

OVER 2,000 Kupat Holim Clalit microbiologists and biochemists will begin an open-ended strike Wednesday to protest management's decision to close down many of the health fund's labs in hospitals and community clinics.

No lab results will be available in hundreds of the health fund's clinics during the strike. The union of lab workers declared a labor dispute over two weeks ago.

The lab workers claim the closures will force the dismissal of hundreds of staffers "under the guise of improving efficiency and the need to tighten belts under Clalit's recovery program."

Among the labs scheduled to be shut down are those in Nazareth, Ramat Hanassi in Bat Yam, Jaffa, Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan, Ashkelon, as well as the lab at Tel Aviv's Zamenhof Clinic.

"Management wants to replace workers, most of them experts meeting international standards who have MAs and PhDs, with machines," said union chief Asher Goldschlager. "In fact, Clalit

wants to wipe out the lab network while destroying the infrastructure and medical research in the labs, which will harm not only us but also the patients. We are ready to accept a small reduction of staff, but not massive dismissals."

Clalit spokesman David Tager has said the purchase last year of giant computerized testing devices by Hitaichi and Seldyne have made it possible to test tens of thousands of blood, urine and other samples in a single day, without human contact.

"This is a real revolution, making possible a basic change in our lab system," Tager said, when the work dispute was declared. "We reject all attempts by the professional union to prevent advancement and computerization in the labs."

The new system means lab results will be ready the next day, Tager claims. Samples will continue to be taken in community health clinics and messengers will bring them to centralized labs for processing.

One killed, two hurt on roads

A motorcyclist who hit a 14-year-old pedestrian on Friday died in Sheba Hospital soon after the accident.

The boy he hit is still in serious condition. The accident occurred in Ramat Gan when Yaron Yaki, 31, a local resident, hit the boy, who had dashed across the street. Yaki, who was thrown from his motorcycle, was brought to the hospital in satisfactory condition and told medical personnel to contact his family.

However, he died suddenly less than an hour later.

In the North last night, 19 people were hurt when an Egged bus traveling from Upper Nazareth to Tel Aviv skidded off the road and crashed into a ditch in the Wadi Ara area.

A Jaffa resident, 67, suffered serious injuries in a hit-and-run accident. He was hit by a motorcycle while crossing Jerusalem Boulevard. Police searched for the driver, who was later found and arrested. Iim

Probe begins of mishap at Ichilov Hospital

JUDY SIEGEL

A COMMITTEE headed by director-general of Hillel Yaffe Hospital in Hadera has 10 days to report whether the disconnection of an oxygen line at Ichilov Hospital last Monday had anything to do with the 13 deaths at the hospital that day.

Health Ministry associate director-general Dr. Boaz Lev said Friday that Ichilov Hospital was in the wrong by failing to report the incident until Thursday.

The incident was described in Friday's *Ma'ariv* with the newspaper claiming that patients attached to respirators were without oxygen for at least 12 minutes, and that within an hour of the incident, three elderly and chronically ill patients died.

The investigating committee, which is to begin work today, is headed by Dr. Meir Nizan, director-general of Hillel Yaffe Hospital in Hadera, and includes two engineers, the ministry's security officer, two registered nurses and one doctor from an intensive-care unit.

They were given 10 days to report back with their conclusions and recommendations.

The committee was asked by ministry-general Prof. Mordechai Shani if patients were harmed by the disconnection; why the hospital failed to report the incident immediately; the cause of the disconnection; and what implications there are for the rest of the hospital system.

Shani said on Friday that while a private contractor apparently cut off the oxygen supply, the public looks to hospital management as being responsible for the well-being of patients. He praised Ichilov staffers for their handling of the emergency.

Hospital deputy director-general Dr. Bianca Lederman said Friday that the oxygen line was to be disconnected momentarily during renovations in the emergency room.

But the private contractor, she said, cut off the line to the hospital's old wing without permission from the hospital's supervisor of renovations.

The spokeswoman of the Tel Aviv hospital said the warning system began to operate immediately, and staffers rushed to those patients on respirators to give them oxygen manually.

"We began investigating immediately and didn't report the incident because we wanted to bring the facts before the ministry," she explained.

Hospital management said it is impossible to declare at this point that none of the deaths resulted from the cessation of oxygen supply, but the number of patients who died that day was not above the norm.

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